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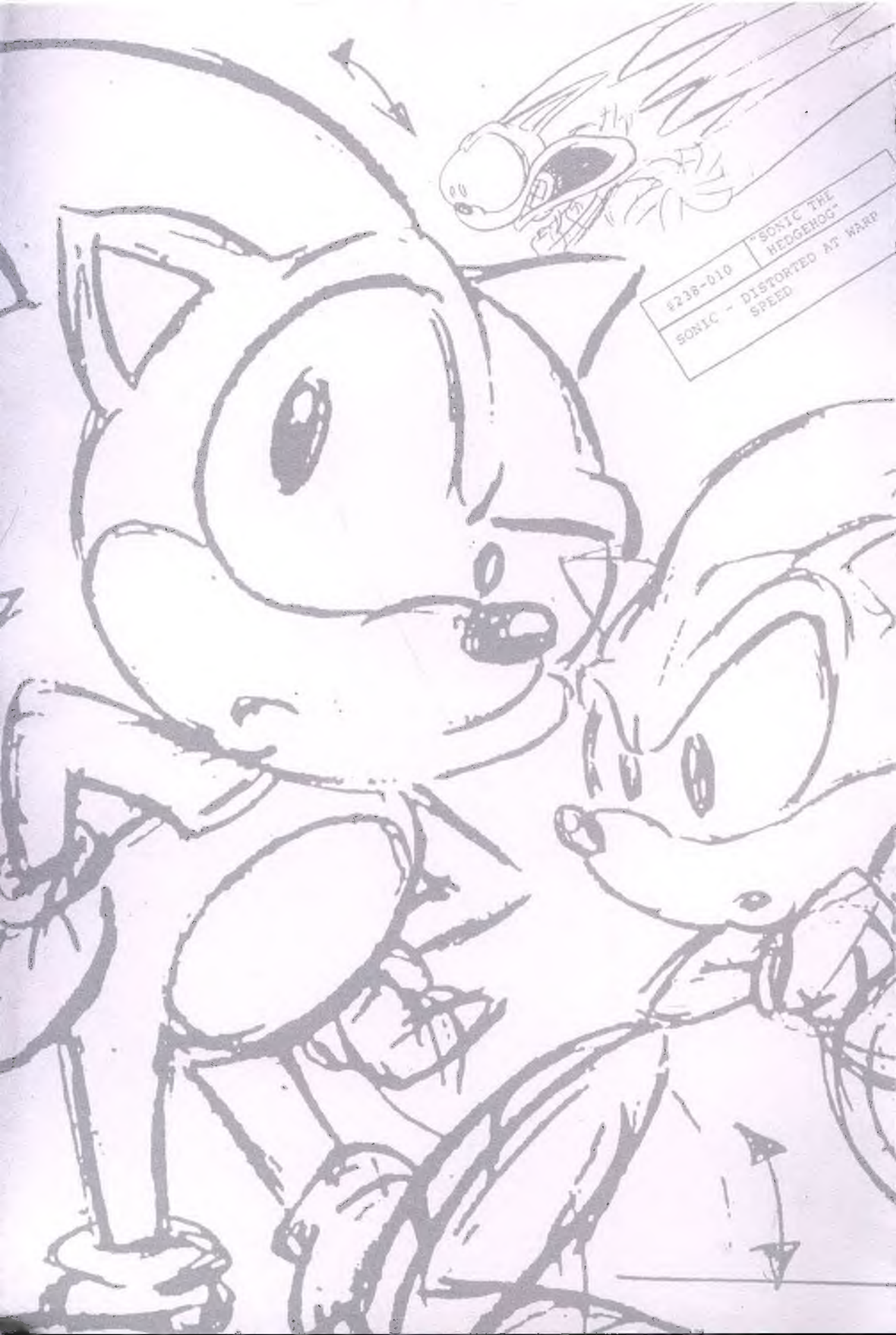
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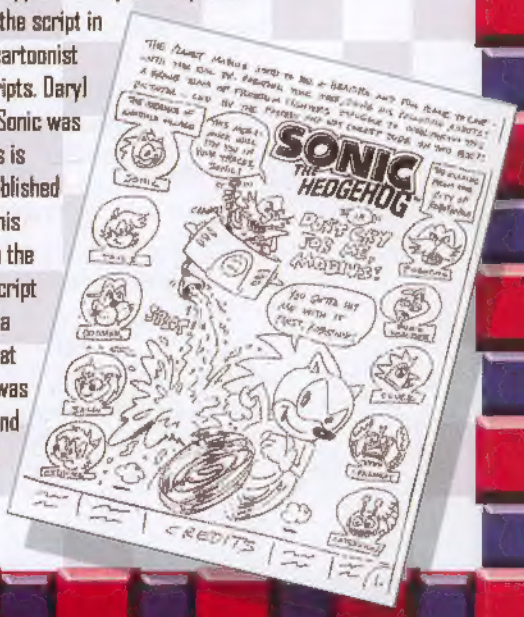
FOREWORD

I remember the day he came into my life very clearly; July 23, 1992. I was up from Florida on vacation, relaxing at my parents' beach house in Barnegat Light, New Jersey, when the phone rang. It was Daryl Edelman, my editor at Archie Comics, for whom I'd recently been writing Veronica and Betty stories. I assumed he wanted to talk about some new ideas for "the girls," so I grabbed a pencil and paper to make notes. Instead, he told me about a new licensed character that Archie had taken on board--Sonic the Hedgehog. "Who the what?" I asked. Daryl went on to describe this "hot new property," based on a video game from SEGA Corporation, which was also being developed into an animated TV series by DIC Enterprises.

Apparently, this Sonic was a super-fast, blue hedgehog and was a bit of a "wisecracker." Daryl thought I'd be well-suited to write the comic book for several reasons, one of which was my recently completed three-year run at Marvel Comics with a certain smart-aleck Alien Life Form from planet Melmac. We talked some more and as I look back now over the notes I took then (I'm a notorious packrat--I save everything), we briefly discussed Sonic, some bad guy named "Robotnik" and the hedgehog's sub-surface love interest with a "Princess." Starting with Issue #0, each book would have 3 self-contained stories, the first one being a two-parter. I was to "establish the characters quickly through strong exposition" using "visuals from the game" (which he would fax me), and he needed the first script in a week. Like any freelancer always hungry for work, I took the job. The decision was made even easier when Daryl told me that Scott Shaw! would be doing the pencils. After we hung up, I described the concept to my father (himself a legendary cartoonist) who said, "Hey, you never know what'll catch on." Talk about prophesy!

Soon afterwards, I received my first look at Sonic and his supporting cast. There was one full page of "Sonic Line Art" showing the hedgehog in various poses and four pages of "model sheets" from DIC picturing (in this order) Sonic, Antoine, Boomer (later to become Rotor), Sally, Tails, Bunnie, Muttski (not roboticized), Uncle Chuck (also not roboticized), Robotnik and "Robotnik's Badniks"; Crabmeat, Burrobot, Batbrain, Buzz Bomber, Orbinaut, Ball Hog, Spikes, Caterkiller, Roller, Moto Bug, Newtron, Chopper, Splats and Jaws. Included in the package were three pages of character descriptions, locations and "The Back Story" wherein came the first mention of Knothole, Snively (Robotnik's "chief toady") and "The Swat-Bot Enforcers." I remember thinking this was a pretty good set-up and I went to work.

Comic book writing can take many forms, depending on what the editor asks for. Some prefer typewritten scripts that describe in detail what happens from panel to panel. Another method (if the writer has the ability) is to rough out the script in cartoon form for the artist to follow and improve upon. As a cartoonist and occasional penciler, I've always preferred to draw my scripts. Daryl agreed it would be best for me to illustrate the stories since Sonic was going to be making several stops in the approval process. This is always the case when a comic book company licenses an established character so that the property's integrity remains intact. In this case, Archie, SEGA and to a lesser degree, DIC all had a say in the final product. With that in mind, here is page #1 of my initial script which I guess makes it the first "official" drawing of Sonic as a comic book character. I still have the faded fax from Daryl that followed the receipt and review of my first story. Bob Harris was our point man at SEGA, and their criticism was constructive and helpful. Overall, I was on track, and with a few minor changes, Sonic the Hedgehog was literally off and running.



I don't know how it is for other writers, but for me there's always a period of "getting to know each other" when I take on a new cast of characters. Just saying, "Sonic is a wisecracker, Antoine is pompous, Robotnik is evil and Tails is Sonic's biggest fan" is a good baseline, but it doesn't translate into twenty-two pages every month. As the first few issues of Sonic progressed, the little hedgehog, his friends and enemies became very familiar to me and began to "suggest" their own stories. Of course, it's more complex than that. You need conflict, mystery, action, sub-plots, word play, exotic locations, new heroes and villains, wacky weapons, a moving spotlight to give each character his or her individual revelatory sequences and whenever possible, a moral to the story.

Scott Shaw! only stayed with the title through issue #2, although he drew the cover for #3. I was sorry to see him go, but to my delight, Daryl hired Dave Manak whom I had worked with for years at Marvel. Dave and I had not only become good friends, but we'd developed a symbiotic working relationship that served us well in producing Sonic stories. This was a very exciting time for everyone involved, including Jorge Pacheco and Bill White who inked those first four issues. Sonic surged in popularity and it became apparent rather quickly that lightning had been caught in a bottle. This was no small feat for a "kid's comic" in an industry dominated by super-heroes, even more so back then than it is now.

As everyone knows, Sonic the Hedgehog got his own regular title immediately after the first four-issue mini-series and he went on to spawn several more, compiling a legacy that has spanned ten years, eclipsing most (if not all) records for a children's comic book--and for that matter, maintaining his popularity (and sales figures) while scores of comic books of all kinds came and went.

Sonic's longevity is a testament to the editors, notably Scott Fulop, who succeeded Daryl, and especially Justin Gabrie, who took over from him, all three of whom were guided by the steady hand of Archie's supreme veteran editor, Victor Gorelick. In addition, an all-star line-up of writers, artists, letterers, colorists and other skilled personnel created numerous wonderful scenarios that kept the hedgehog and his associates going strong through the past decade. I am lucky and proud to have been there at the beginning and to have laid some of the groundwork for what can only be described as a modern day publishing phenomenon.

Soon after Sonic got his own book, I ceased being the only writer and rightfully so. But as every "true blue" fan knows, I've continued to contribute throughout Sonic's long run. Some of my personal "hedgehog highlights" have been the Tails three-issue mini-series, which introduced The Downunda Freedom Fighters, Crocbot and the Forty Fathoms Freedom Fighters, Sonic Quest: The Death Egg Saga, Sonic Kids, Triple Trouble, Issue #25 (where I was first teamed with the incredibly talented Patrick Spaziante), Mecha Madness, Super Sonic vs. Hyper Knuckles, and the adaptation of Sonic Spinball and Sonic Blast video games. I satirized Frank Miller in Spin City, made fun of myself and Jim Valentino in Freedom Fighters of the Galaxy and most recently, Dave and I collaborated again to bring a bit of "MAD-ness" to the title with Sonicspy vs. Knucklespy. Over the years, I've penned many other stories here and there, but by far, the most fun I've had with this comic book (and perhaps in my entire career) has been Off-Panel, the little "behind the scenes" strip that runs sporadically on the editorial page.

For all of these experiences, I am eternally grateful to Archie Comics and SEGA for having confidence in me and providing the opportunity to be associated with what is, in my opinion, one of the most remarkable stories in the history of comic books. And to that little blue hedgehog who snuck up on me that summer day at the Jersey shore, I'd like to say a special "thank you" and send sincere wishes to Mobius for his continued success in the years to come. Keep on juicin'!

-Michael Gallagher [2003]

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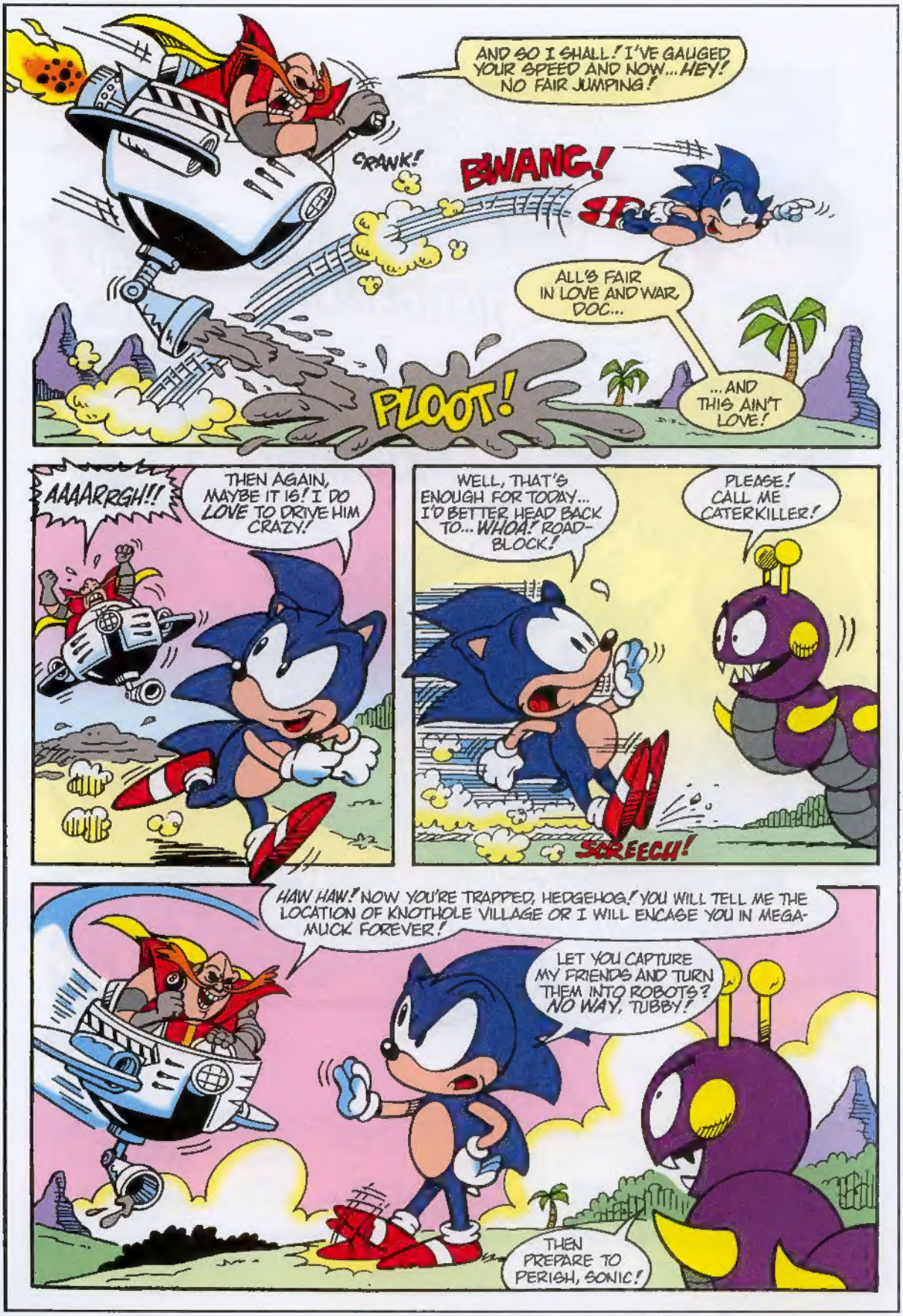
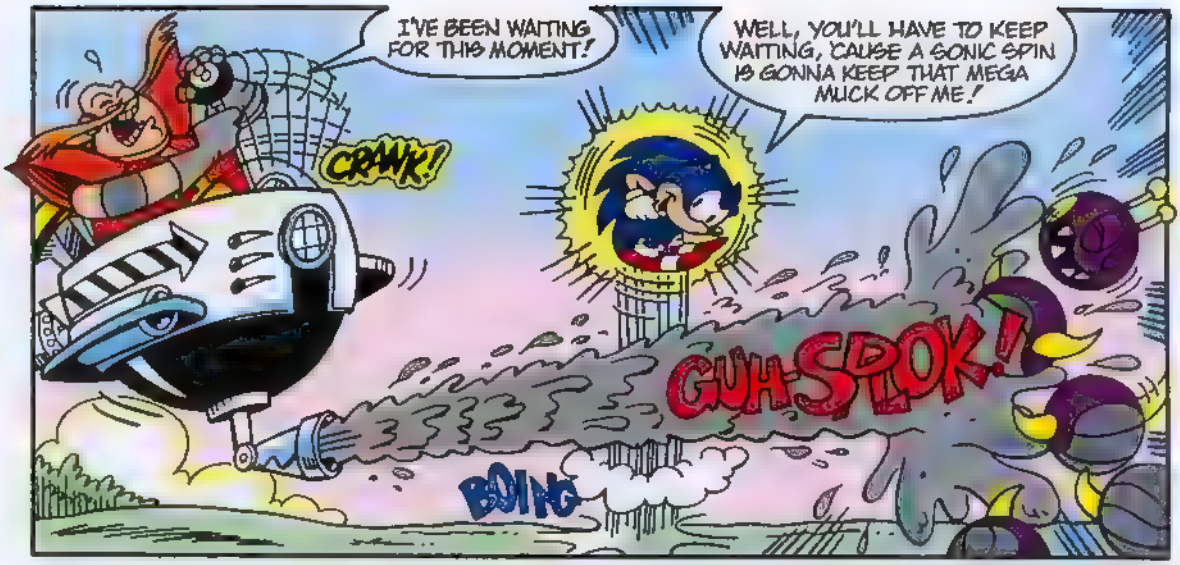
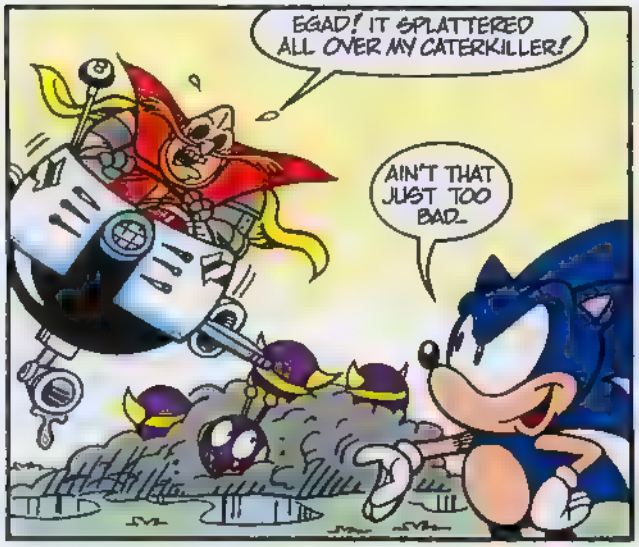
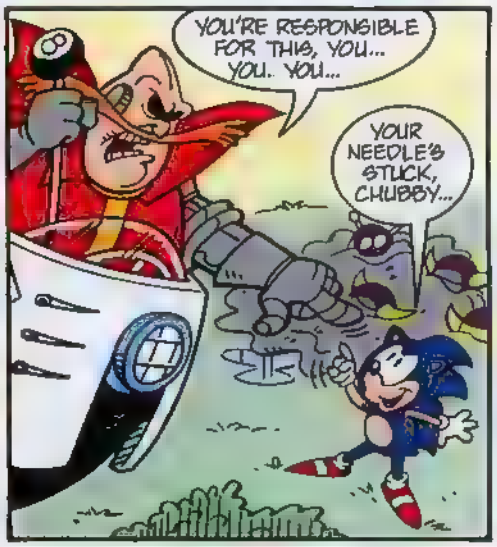
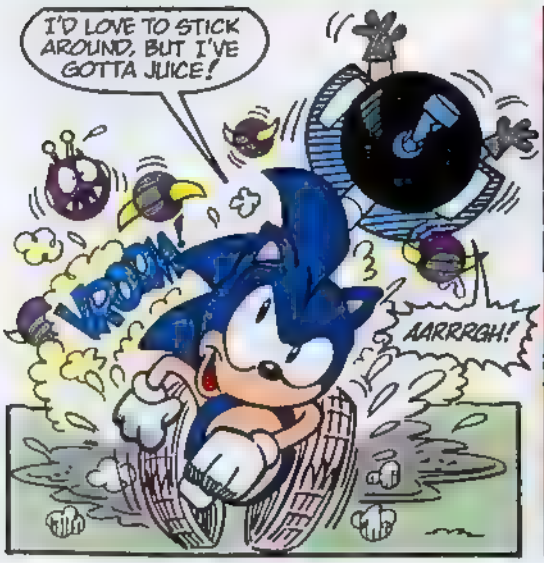

AND SO I SHALL! I'VE GAUGED YOUR SPEED AND NOW... HEY! NO FAIR JUMPING!
CRANK!
BWANG!
ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR, DOC...
PLOOT!
...AND THIS AIN'T LOVE!
AAAARRGH!!
THEN AGAIN, MAYBE IT IS! I DO LOVE TO DRIVE HIM CRAZY!
WELL, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY... I'D BETTER HEAD BACK TO... WHOA! ROAD-BLOCK!
PLEASE! CALL ME CATERKILLER!
SCREECH!
HAW HAW! NOW YOU'RE TRAPPED, HEDGEHOG! YOU WILL TELL ME THE LOCATION OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE OR I WILL ENCASE YOU IN MEGA-MUCK FOREVER!
LET YOU CAPTURE MY FRIENDS AND TURN THEM INTO ROBOTS? NO WAY, TUBBY!
THEN PREPARE TO PERISH, SONIC!


I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT!
WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP WAITING, 'CAUSE A SONIC SPIN IS GONNA KEEP THAT MEGA MUCK OFF ME!
CRAWK!
GUH-SPLOK!
BOING


EGAD! IT SPLATTERED ALL OVER MY CATERKILLER!
AIN'T THAT JUST TOO BAD.


YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, YOU... YOU. YOU...
YOUR NEEDLE'S STUCK, CHUBBY...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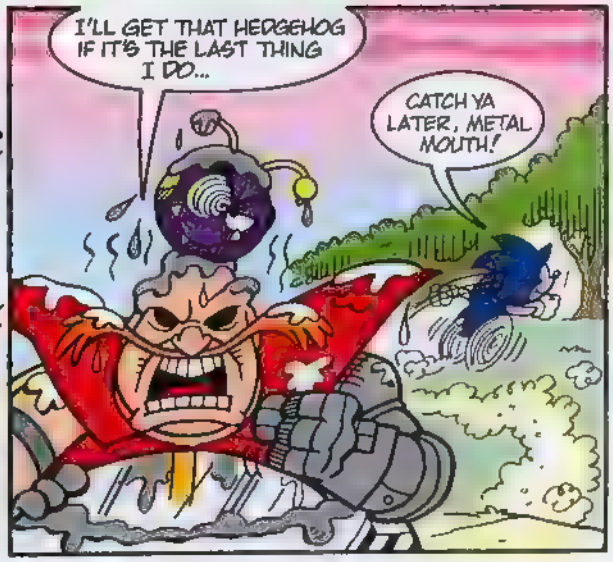
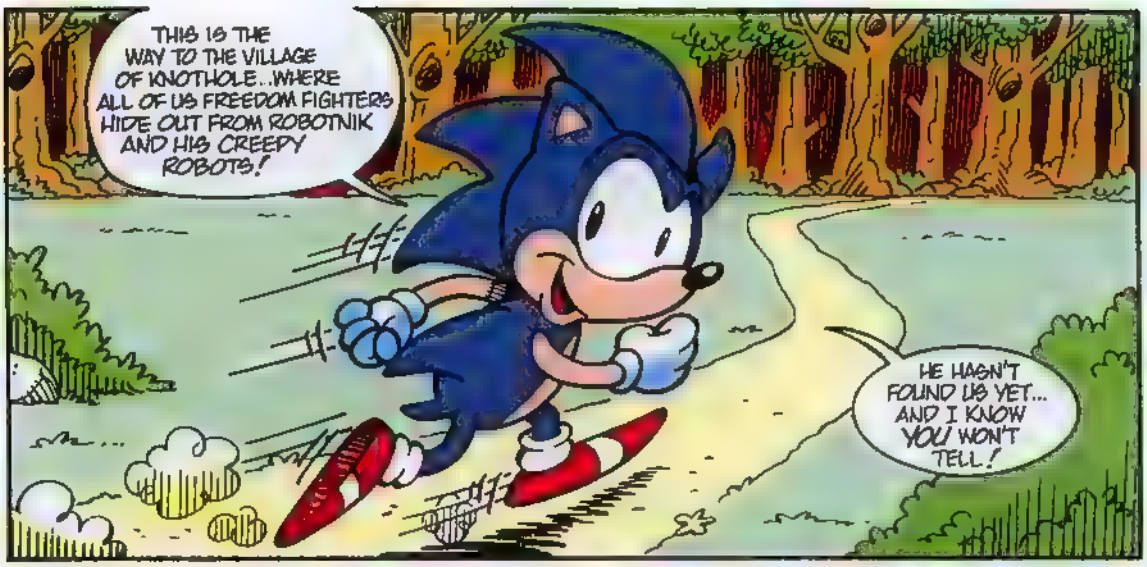
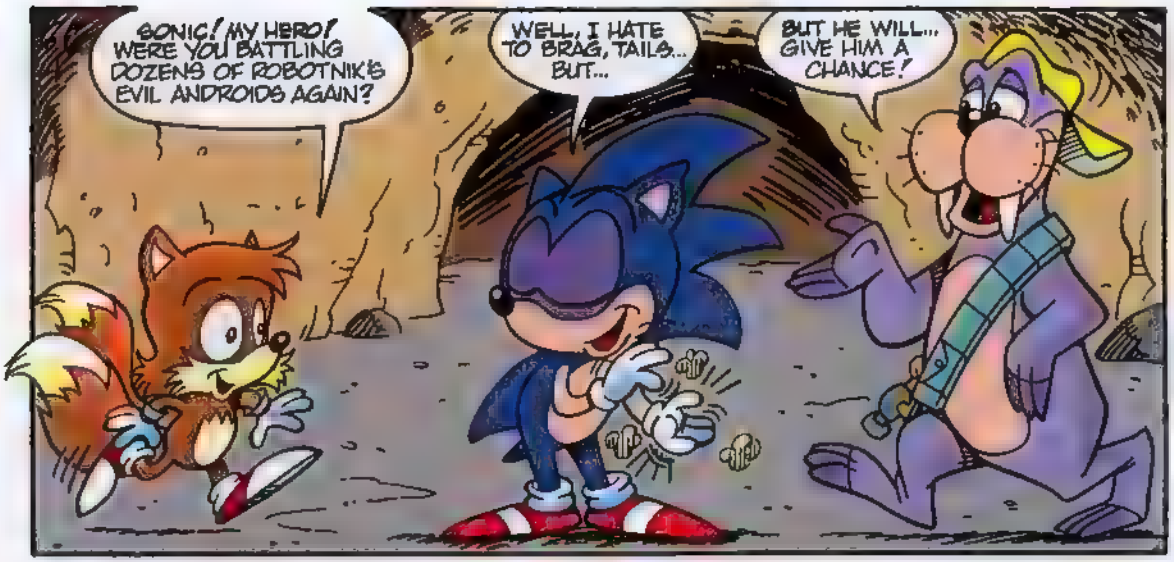
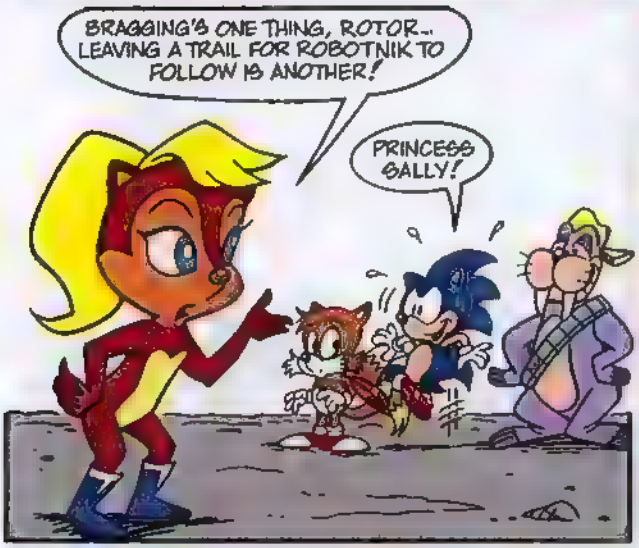
VROOM!
AARRRGH!


I'LL GET THAT HEDGEHOG IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO...
CATCH YA LATER, METAL MOUTH!

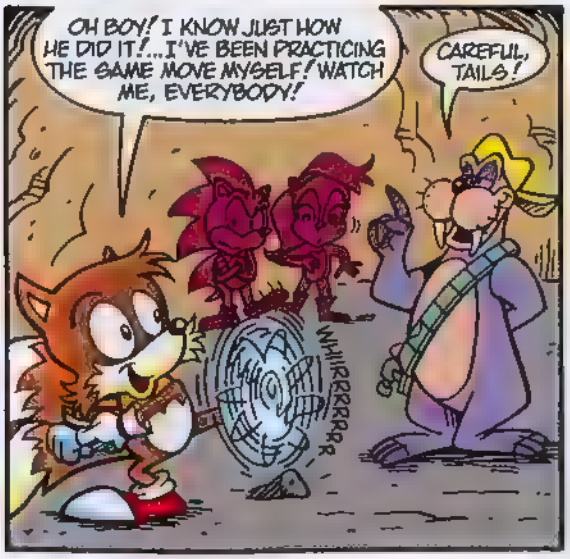

THIS IS THE WAY TO THE VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE...WHERE ALL OF US FREEDOM FIGHTERS HIDE OUT FROM ROBOTNIK AND HIS CREEPY ROBOTS!
HE HASN'T FOUND US YET... AND I KNOW YOU WON'T TELL!

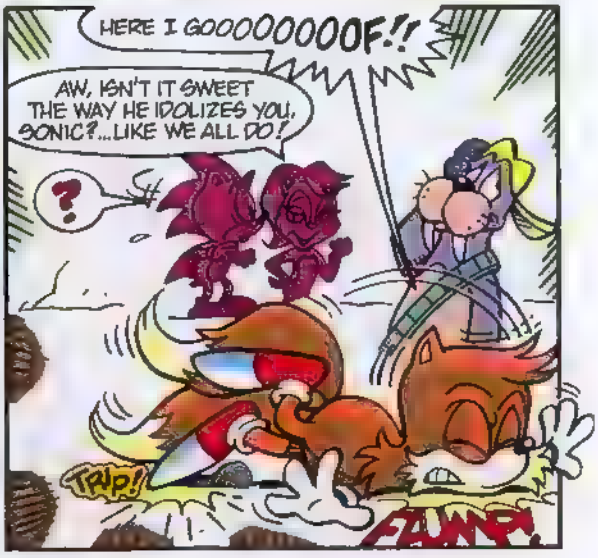
ALL YOU GOTTA DO TO OPEN THE SECRET ENTRANCE IS PULL THIS VINE...
BUT I LIKE TO MAKE LIKE TARZAN, MAN...
zing!
AND JUMP INTO THE STUMP!
SWOOP!!
HERE WE GO! HOLD ON TO YOUR SPATS!
WHEEE!
WAY PAST COOL! THIS IS MY FAVORITE PART!
ALMOST THERE...
TIME TO HIT THE HAY...
I'M BAAAAAAACK!
TONNG!

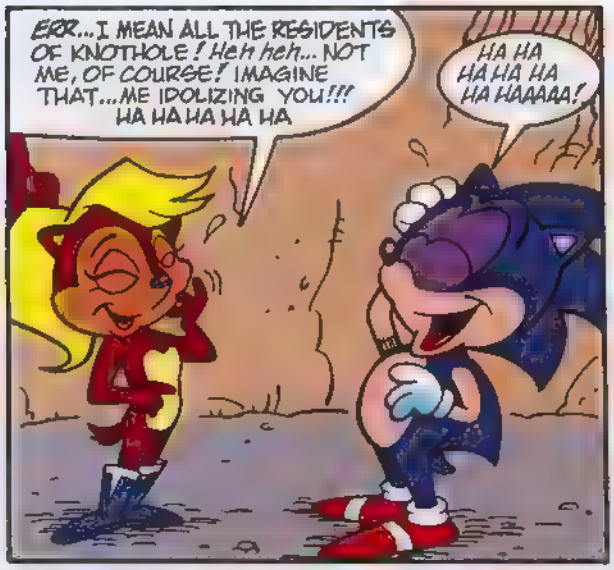

SONIC! MY HERO! WERE YOU BATTLING DOZENS OF ROBOTNIK'S EVIL ANDROIDS AGAIN?
WELL, I HATE TO BRAG, TAILS... BUT...
BUT HE WILL... GIVE HIM A CHANCE!

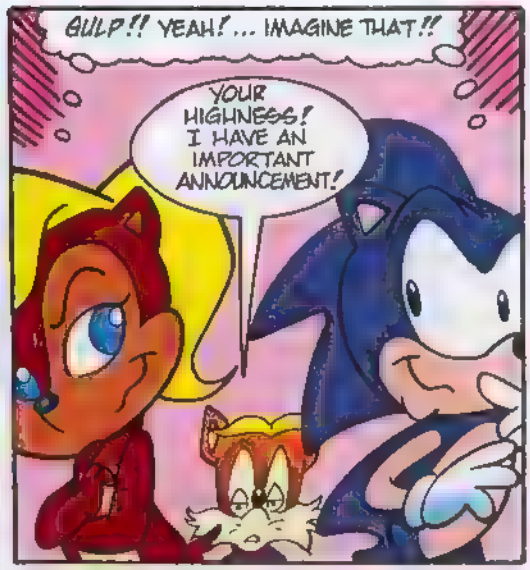

BRAGGING'S ONE THING, ROTOR... LEAVING A TRAIL FOR ROBOTNIK TO FOLLOW IS ANOTHER!
PRINCESS SALLY!

HAVE NO FEAR, YOUR ROYAL WORRY-WART! I TOOK OFF AT WARP SONIC SPEED!... MY FEET NEVER TOUCHED THE GROUND!
HMMPH!

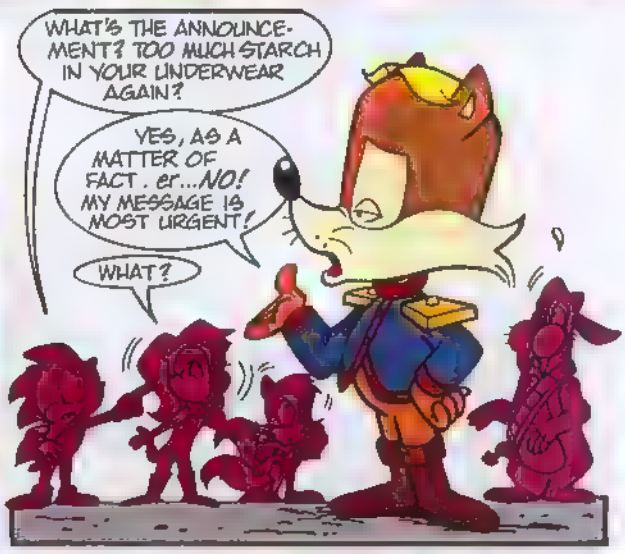

OH BOY! I KNOW JUST HOW HE DID IT!... I'VE BEEN PRACTICING THE SAME MOVE MYSELF! WATCH ME, EVERYBODY!
CAREFUL, TAILS!
WHIIRRRRRRR

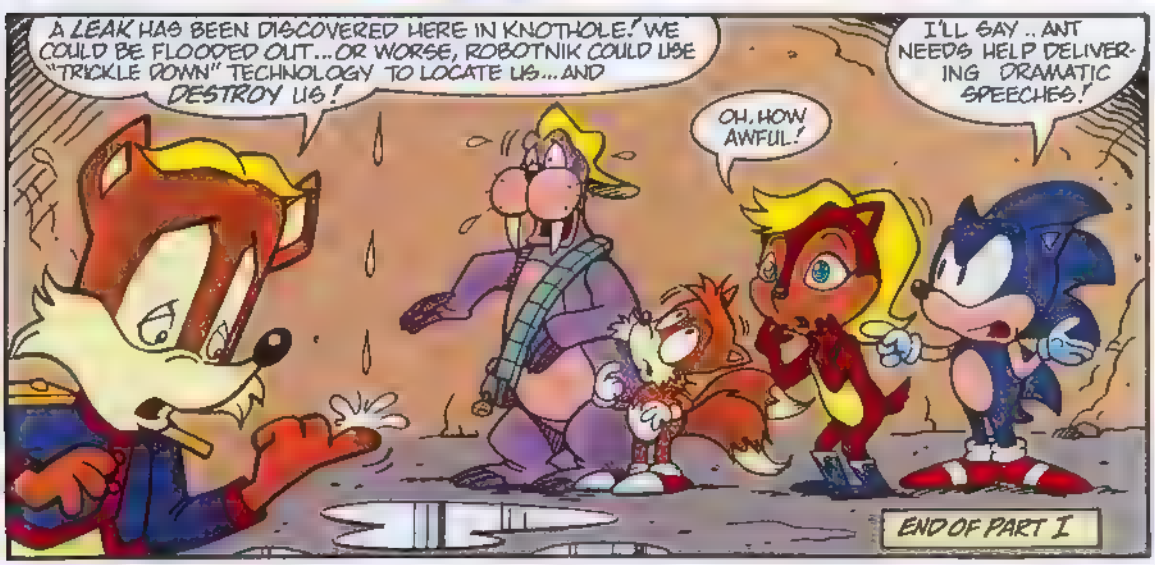

HERE I GOOOOOOOOF!!
AW, ISN'T IT SWEET THE WAY HE IDOLIZES YOU, SONIC?... LIKE WE ALL DO!
?
TAP!
FLUMP!

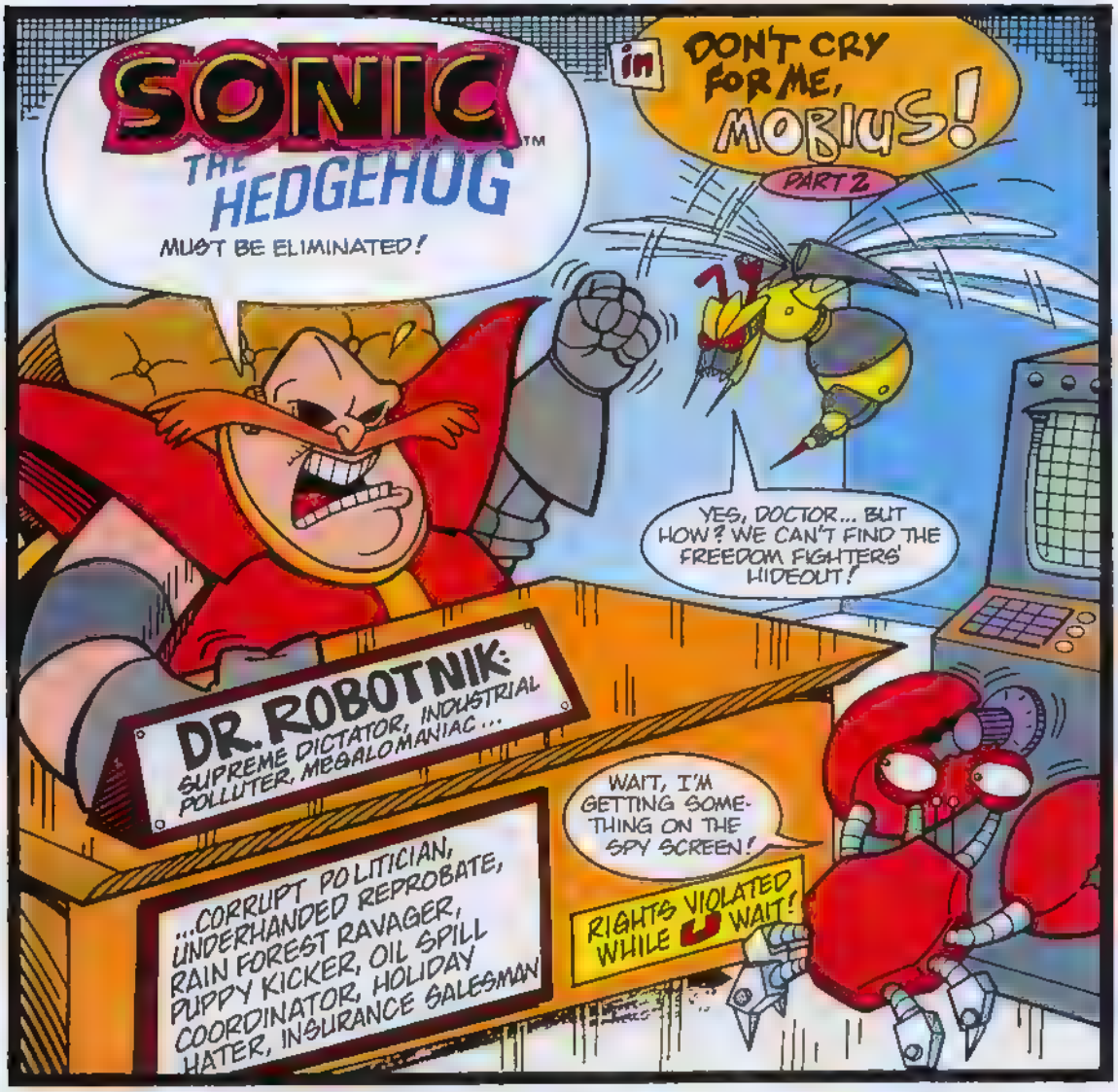

ERR... I MEAN ALL THE RESIDENTS OF KNOTHOLE! Heh heh... NOT ME, OF COURSE! IMAGINE THAT... ME IDOLIZING YOU!!! HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA HA HA HAAAAA!


GULP!! YEAH!... IMAGINE THAT!!
YOUR HIGHNESS! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

WELL, IF IT ISN'T ANTOINE D'COOLETTE... KNOTHOLE'S NUMBER ONE BLOWHARD!
SONIC-- PLEASE!
AHEM...


WHAT'S THE ANNOUNCEMENT? TOO MUCH STARCH IN YOUR UNDERWEAR AGAIN?
YES, AS A MATTER OF FACT. er...NO! MY MESSAGE IS MOST URGENT!
WHAT?


A LEAK HAS BEEN DISCOVERED HERE IN KNOTHOLE! WE COULD BE FLOODED OUT... OR WORSE, ROBOTNIK COULD USE "TRICKLE DOWN" TECHNOLOGY TO LOCATE US... AND DESTROY US!
OH, HOW AWFUL!
I'LL SAY.. ANT NEEDS HELP DELIVERING DRAMATIC SPEECHES!
END OF PART I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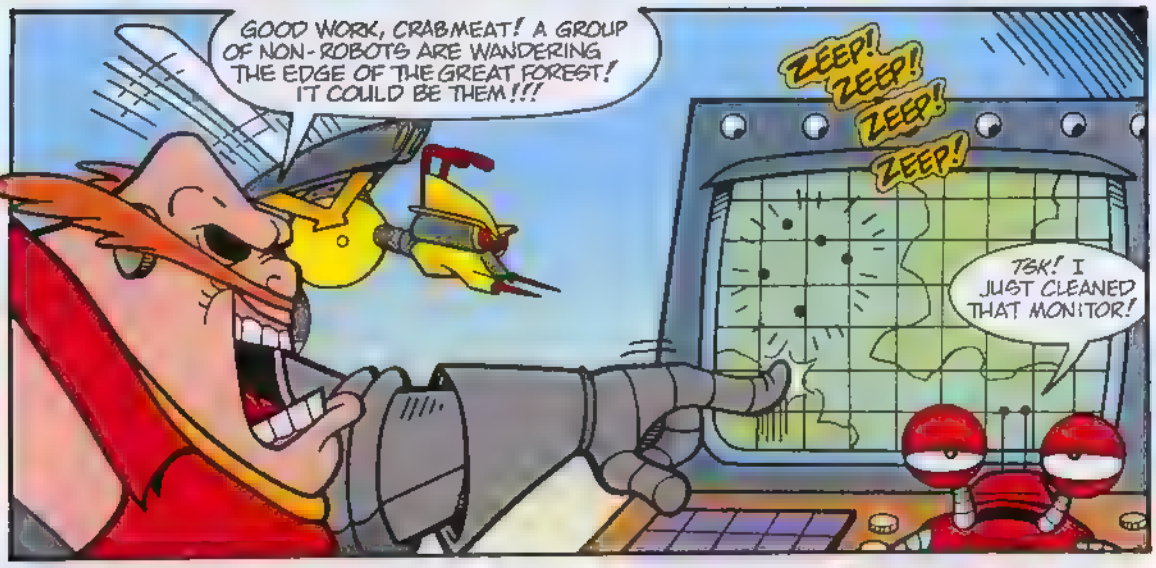
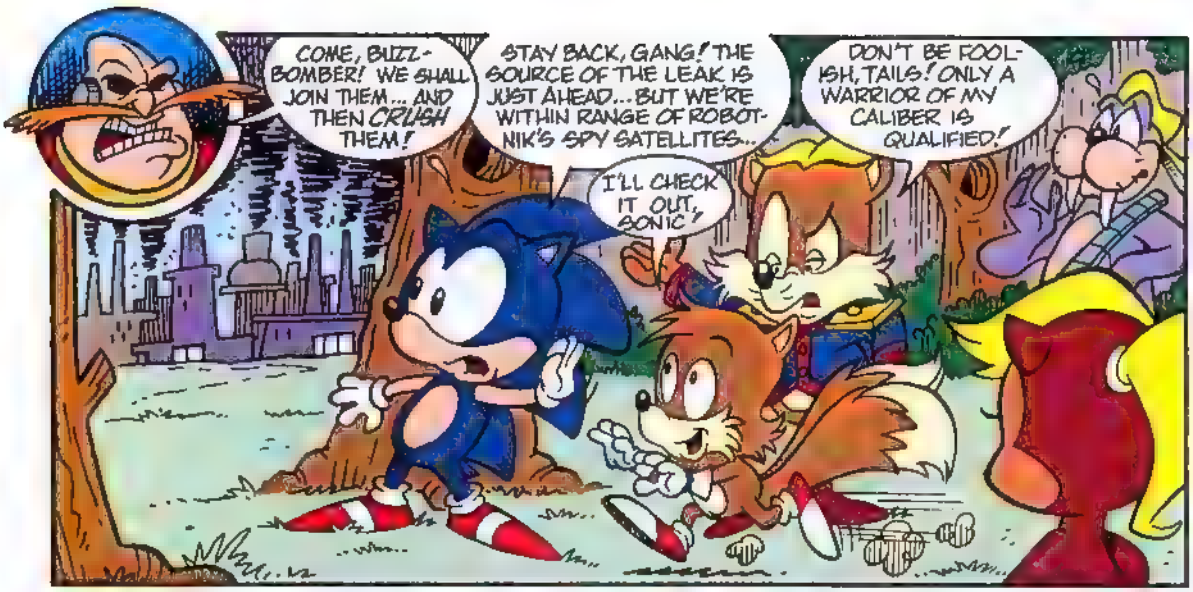
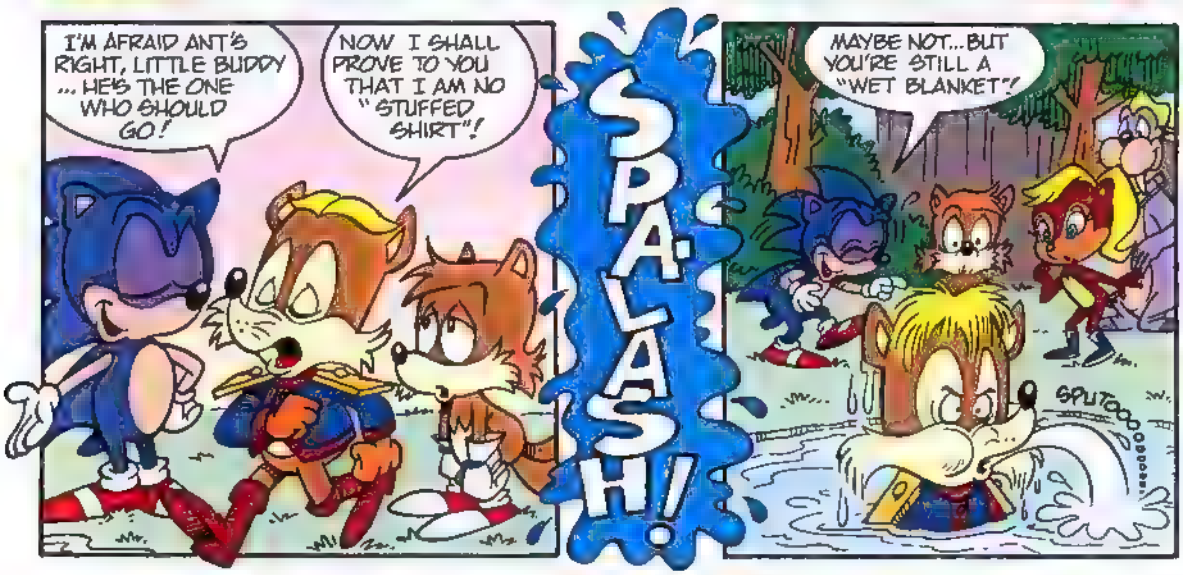
MUST BE ELIMINATED!
in DON'T CRY FOR ME, MOBIUS!
PART 2
YES, DOCTOR... BUT HOW? WE CAN'T FIND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' HIDEOUT!
DR. ROBOTNIK: SUPREME DICTATOR, INDUSTRIAL POLLUTER, MEGALOMANIAC...
...CORRUPT POLITICIAN, UNDERHANDED REPROBATE, RAIN FOREST RAVAGER, PUPPY KICKER, OIL SPILL COORDINATOR, HOLIDAY HATER, INSURANCE SALESMAN
WAIT, I'M GETTING SOMETHING ON THE SPY SCREEN!
RIGHTS VIOLATED WHILE WAIT!

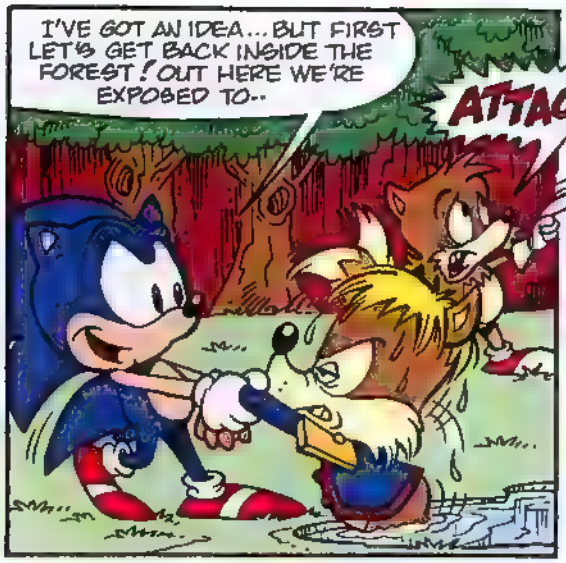

GOOD WORK, CRABMEAT! A GROUP OF NON-ROBOTS ARE WANDERING THE EDGE OF THE GREAT FOREST! IT COULD BE THEM!!!
ZEEP! ZEEP! ZEEP! ZEEP!
TSK! I JUST CLEANED THAT MONITOR!

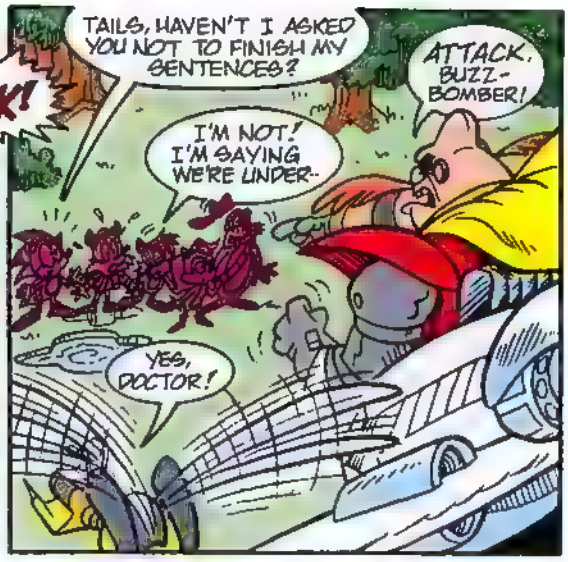

COME, BUZZ-BOMBER! WE SHALL JOIN THEM... AND THEN CRUSH THEM!
STAY BACK, GANG! THE SOURCE OF THE LEAK IS JUST AHEAD... BUT WE'RE WITHIN RANGE OF ROBOTNIK'S SPY SATELLITES...
DON'T BE FOOLISH, TAILS! ONLY A WARRIOR OF MY CALIBER IS QUALIFIED!
I'LL CHECK IT OUT, SONIC!

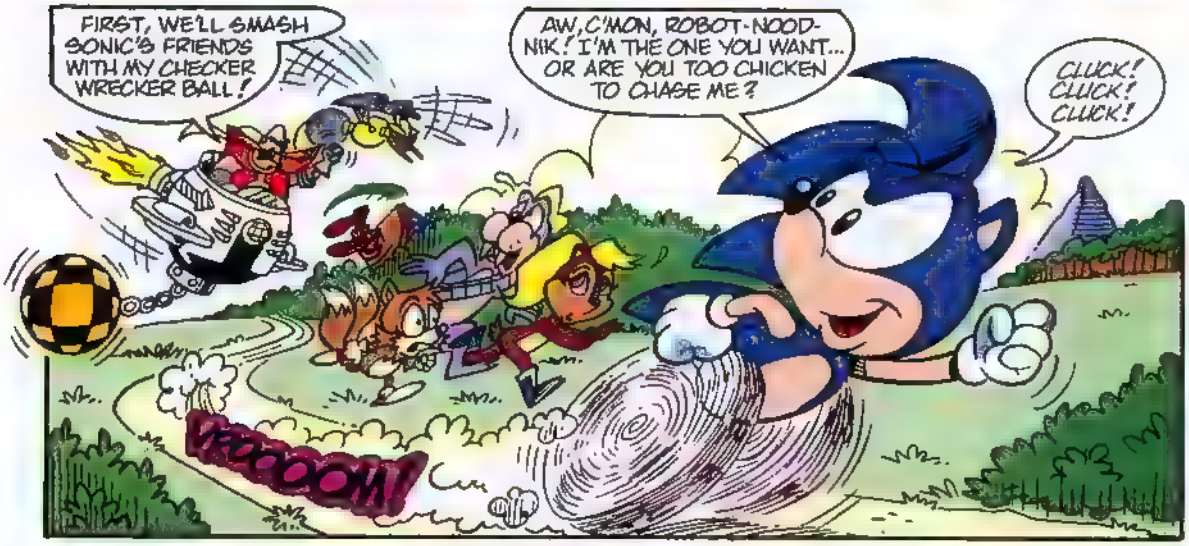

I'M AFRAID ANT'S RIGHT, LITTLE BUDDY ... HE'S THE ONE WHO SHOULD GO!
NOW I SHALL PROVE TO YOU THAT I AM NO "STUFFED SHIRT"!
SPLASH!
MAYBE NOT... BUT YOU'RE STILL A "WET BLANKET"!
SPUTOOO

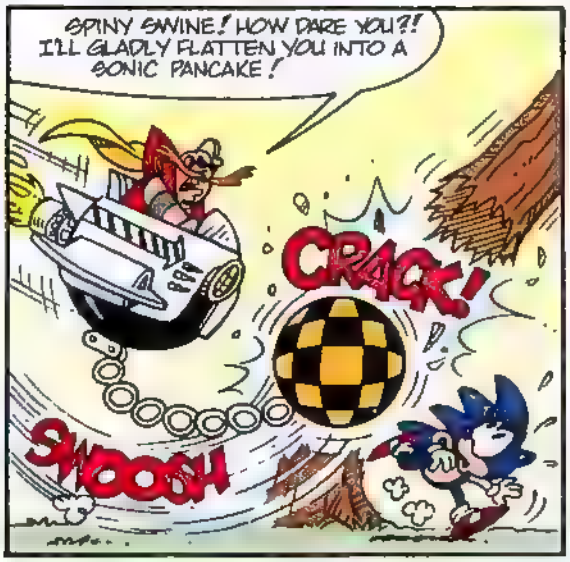
YOU GLUB! YOU SET ME UP, SONIC!...
SURE! HERE'S YOUR LEAK, ANTSY... THIS STAND OF WEEPING WILLOW TREES!
HUH?

RECENTLY, ROBOTNIK BULLDOZED SEVERAL ACRES OF FOREST TRYING TO FIND KNOTHOLE'S ENTRANCE! THE WILLOWS HAVE BEEN CRYING FOR THEIR FALLEN FRIENDS EVER SINCE!
THAT'S WHY IT'S SO WET!
HOW SAD!
BLUB!

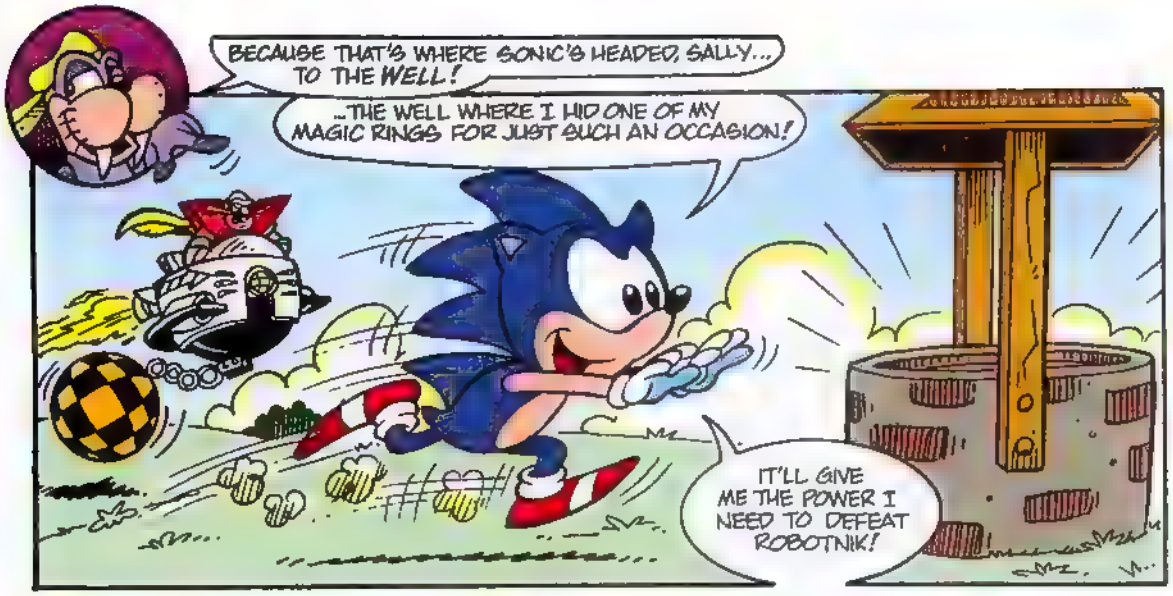

I'VE GOT AN IDEA... BUT FIRST LET'S GET BACK INSIDE THE FOREST! OUT HERE WE'RE EXPOSED TO--
ATTACK!

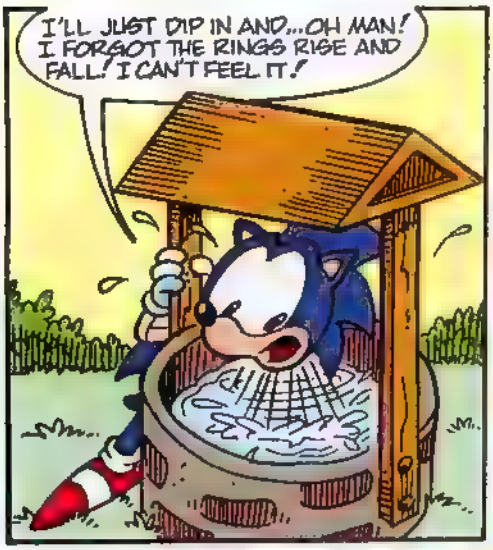

TAILS, HAVEN'T I ASKED YOU NOT TO FINISH MY SENTENCES?
ATTACK, BUZZ-BOMBER!
I'M NOT! I'M SAYING WE'RE UNDER--
YES, DOCTOR!

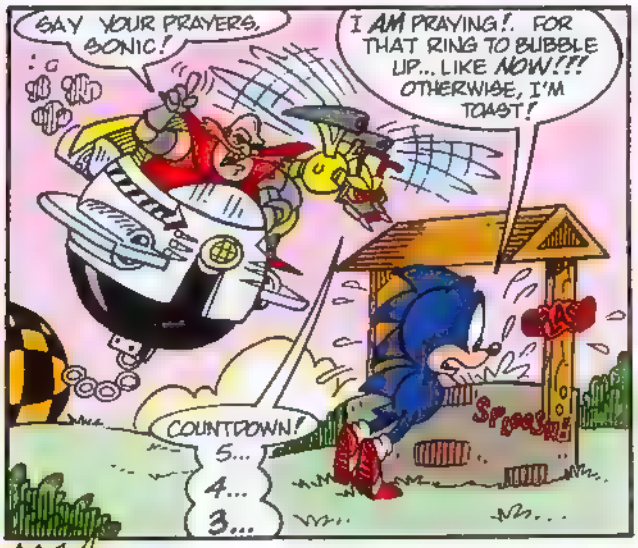

FIRST, WE'LL SMASH SONIC'S FRIENDS WITH MY CHECKER WRECKER BALL!
AW, C'MON, ROBOT-NOODNIK! I'M THE ONE YOU WANT... OR ARE YOU TOO CHICKEN TO CHASE ME?
CLUCK! CLUCK! CLUCK!
VROOOOM!

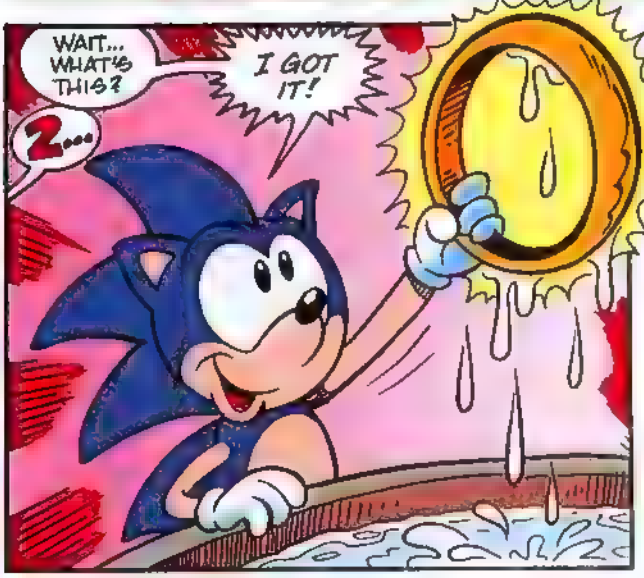

SPINY SWINE! HOW DARE YOU?! I'LL GLADLY FLATTEN YOU INTO A SONIC PANCAKE!
CRACK!
SWOOSH

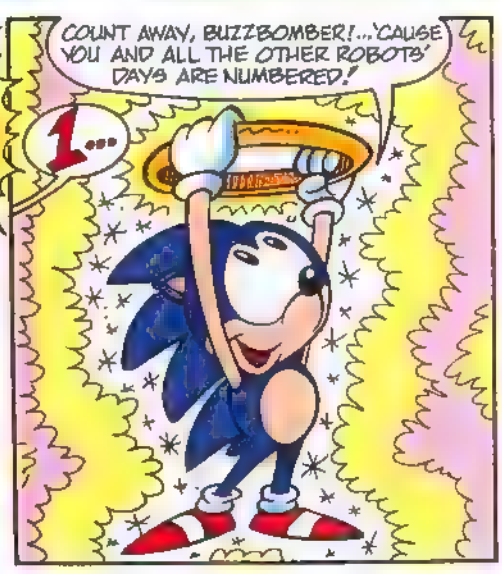
WELL, WELL!... WELL, WELL, WELL!... WELL, NOW!...
WHY DO YOU KEEP SAYING THAT, ROTOR?

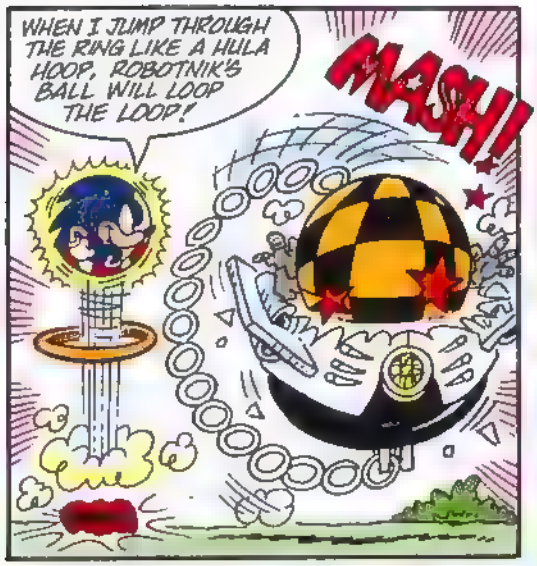

BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE SONIC'S HEADED, SALLY... TO THE WELL!
...THE WELL WHERE I HID ONE OF MY MAGIC RINGS FOR JUST SUCH AN OCCASION!
IT'LL GIVE ME THE POWER I NEED TO DEFEAT ROBOTNIK!

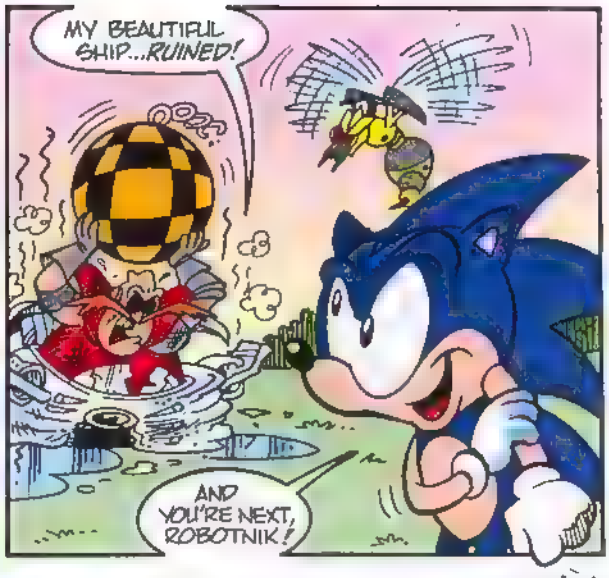

I'LL JUST DIP IN AND...OH MAN! I FORGOT THE RINGS RISE AND FALL! I CAN'T FEEL IT!

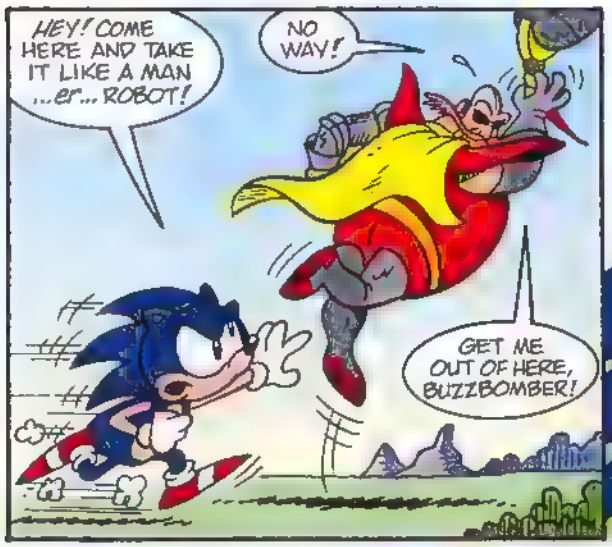

SAY YOUR PRAYERS, SONIC!
I AM PRAYING!. FOR THAT RING TO BUBBLE UP... LIKE NOW!!! OTHERWISE, I'M TOAST!
COUNTDOWN!
5...
4...
3...
SPLOOSH!

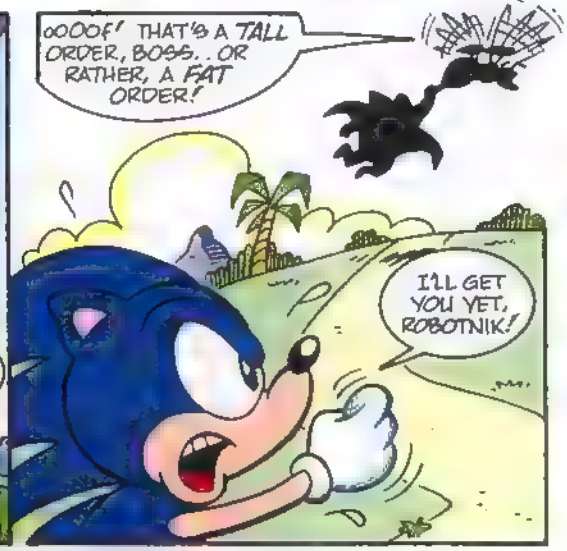

WAIT... WHAT'S THIS?
I GOT IT!
2...

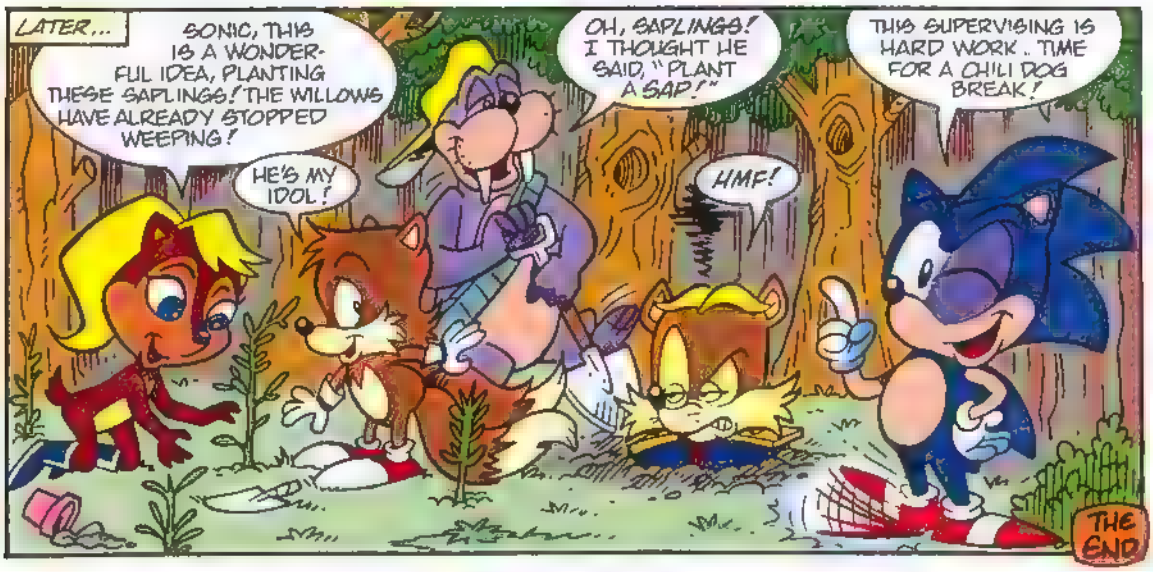

COUNT AWAY, BUZZBOMBER!...'CAUSE YOU AND ALL THE OTHER ROBOTS' DAYS ARE NUMBERED!
1...

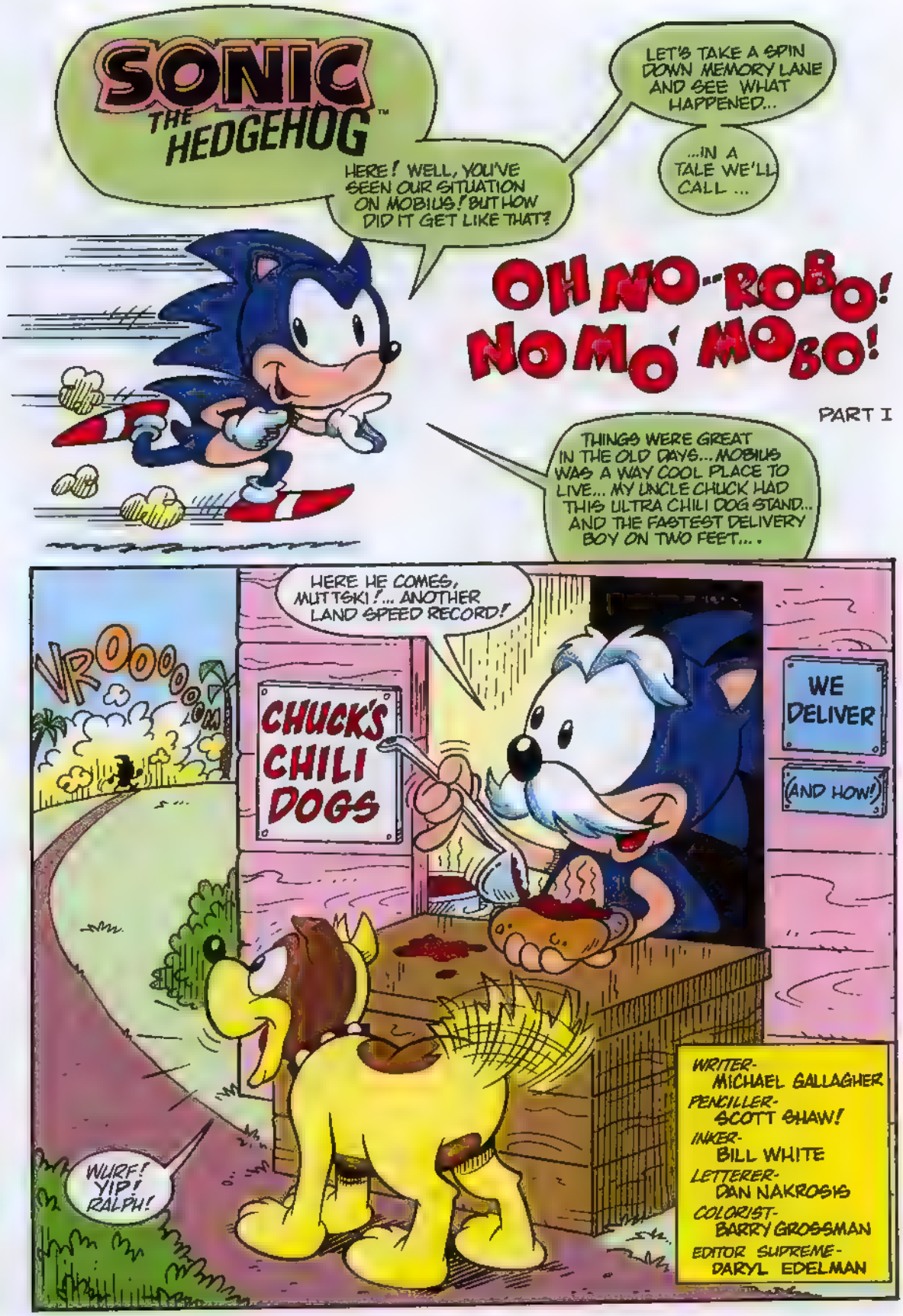

WHEN I JUMP THROUGH THE RING LIKE A HULA HOOP, ROBOTNIK'S BALL WILL LOOP THE LOOP!
MASH!


MY BEAUTIFUL SHIP...RUINED!
AND YOU'RE NEXT, ROBOTNIK!


HEY! COME HERE AND TAKE IT LIKE A MAN ...er... ROBOT!
NO WAY!
GET ME OUT OF HERE, BUZZBOMBER!


OOOOF! THAT'S A TALL ORDER, BOSS.. OR RATHER, A FAT ORDER!
I'LL GET YOU YET, ROBOTNIK!


LATER...
SONIC, THIS IS A WONDERFUL IDEA, PLANTING THESE SAPLINGS! THE WILLOWS HAVE ALREADY STOPPED WEEPING!
HE'S MY IDOL!
OH, SAPLINGS! I THOUGHT HE SAID, "PLANT A SAP!"
HMF!
THIS SUPERVISING IS HARD WORK.. TIME FOR A CHILI DOG BREAK!
THE END


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
HERE! WELL, YOU'VE SEEN OUR SITUATION ON MOBIUS! BUT HOW DID IT GET LIKE THAT?
LET'S TAKE A SPIN DOWN MEMORY LANE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED...
...IN A TALE WE'LL CALL ...
OH NO--ROBO! NOMO' MOBO!
PART I
THINGS WERE GREAT IN THE OLD DAYS... MOBIUS WAS A WAY COOL PLACE TO LIVE... MY UNCLE CHUCK HAD THIS ULTRA CHILI DOG STAND... AND THE FASTEST DELIVERY BOY ON TWO FEET... .
VROOOOOM
HERE HE COMES, MUTTSKI!... ANOTHER LAND SPEED RECORD!
CHUCK'S CHILI DOGS
WE DELIVER
(AND HOW!)
WURF! YIP! RALPH!
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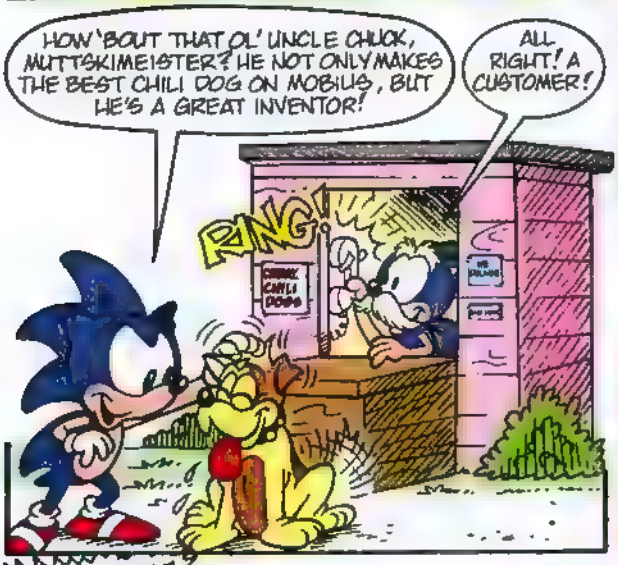
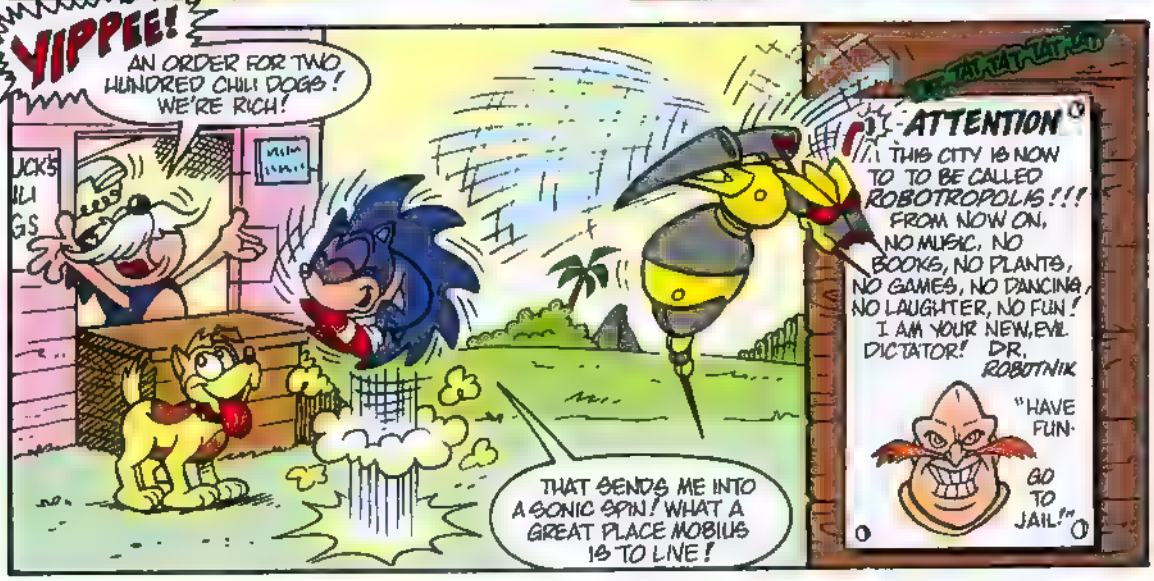
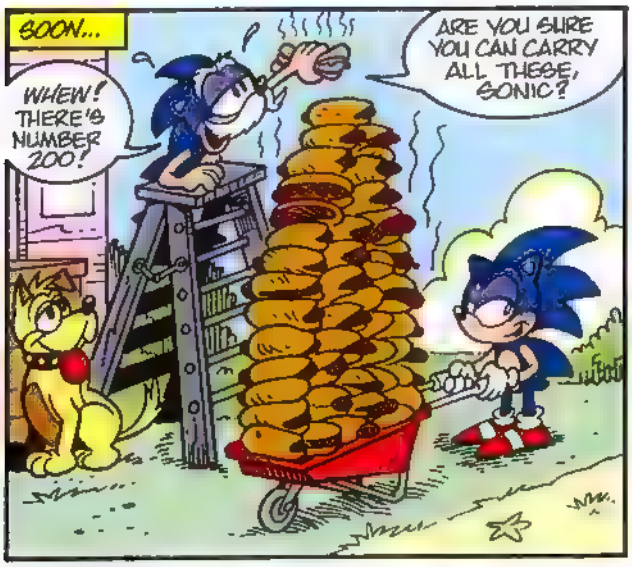
I'M BACK, UNCLE CHUCK!
SO I SEE, SONIC! HOW ARE THOSE NEW SNEAKERS I MADE FOR YOU HOLDING UP?
SCREEECH!

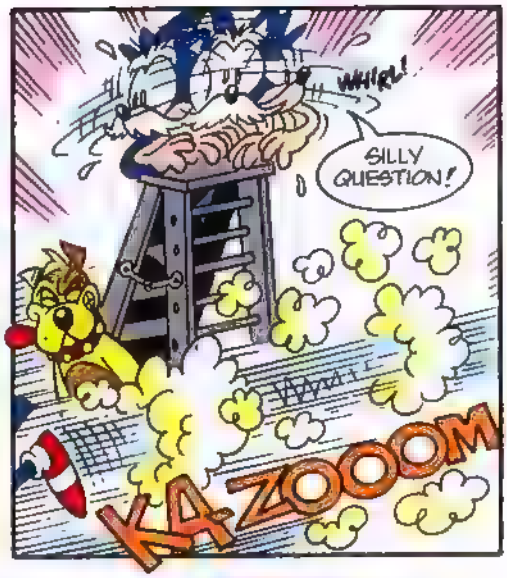
GREAT! NOT A BIT WORN OUT!
GOOD! WE WERE SPENDING ALL OUR PROFITS BUYING YOU NEW SHOES!

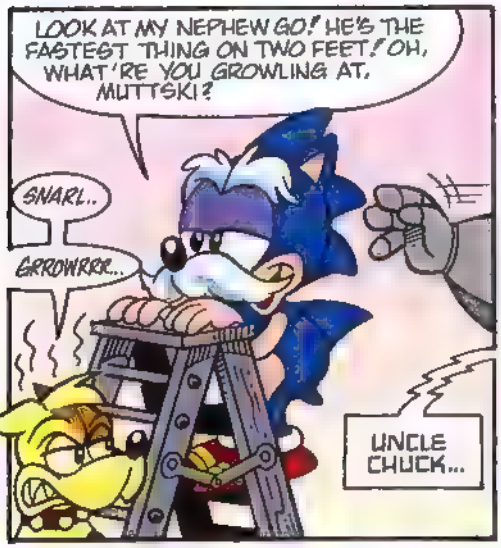

HOW 'BOUT THAT OL' UNCLE CHUCK, MUTTSKIMEISTER? HE NOT ONLY MAKES THE BEST CHILI DOG ON MOBIUS, BUT HE'S A GREAT INVENTOR!
ALL RIGHT! A CUSTOMER!
RING!

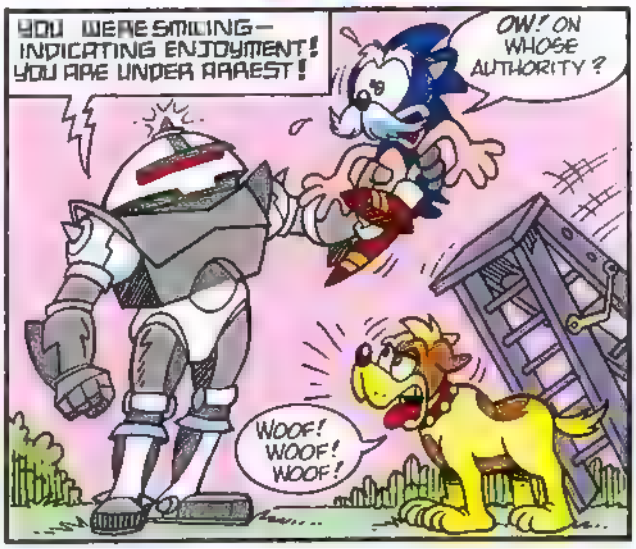
CHUCK'S CHILI DOGS... WHAT'S THAT? REALLY? OF COURSE WE CAN HANDLE SUCH A BIG ORDER! SURE, WE'LL DELIVER IT!

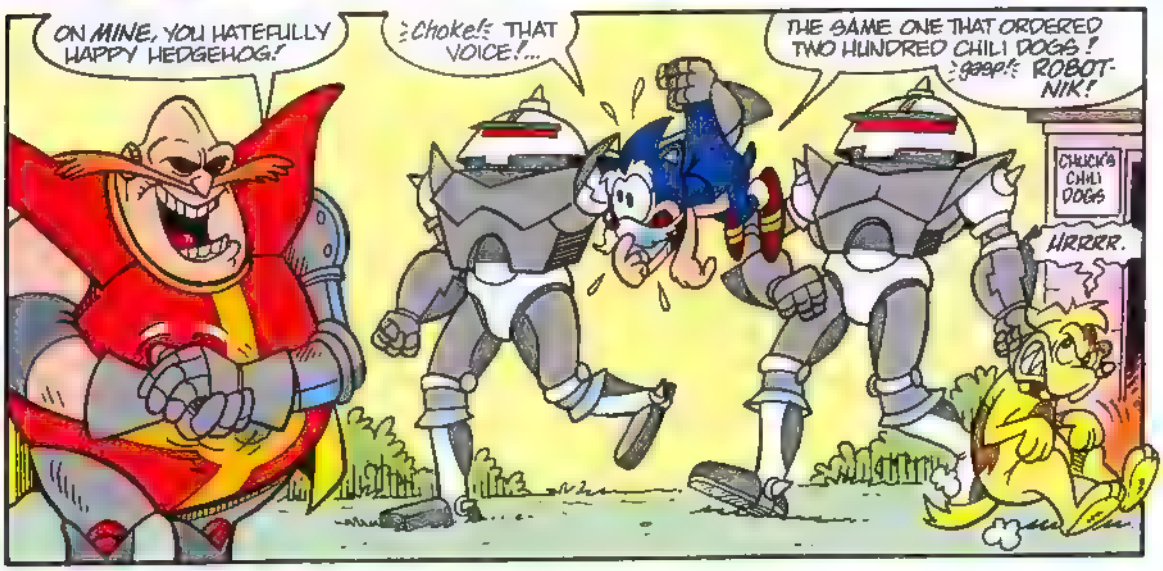

YIPPEE!
AN ORDER FOR TWO HUNDRED CHILI DOGS! WE'RE RICH!
THAT SENDS ME INTO A SONIC SPIN! WHAT A GREAT PLACE MOBIUS IS TO LIVE!
ATTENTION
THIS CITY IS NOW TO TO BE CALLED ROBOTROPOLIS!!! FROM NOW ON, NO MUSIC, NO BOOKS, NO PLANTS, NO GAMES, NO DANCING, NO LAUGHTER, NO FUN! I AM YOUR NEW, EVIL DICTATOR! DR. ROBOTNIK
"HAVE FUN. GO TO JAIL!"


SOON...
WHEW! THERE'S NUMBER 200!
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN CARRY ALL THESE, SONIC?


WHIRL!
SILLY QUESTION!
KA-ZOOOM

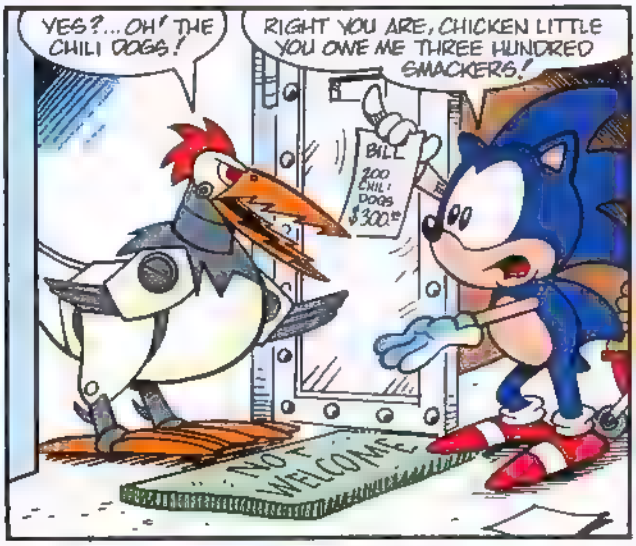

LOOK AT MY NEPHEW GO! HE'S THE FASTEST THING ON TWO FEET! OH, WHAT'RE YOU GROWLING AT, MUTTSKI?
SNARL..
GRROWRRR..
UNCLE CHUCK...

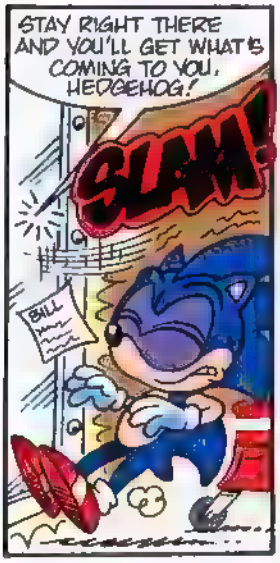

YOU WERE SMILING— INDICATING ENJOYMENT! YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!
OW! ON WHOSE AUTHORITY?
WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

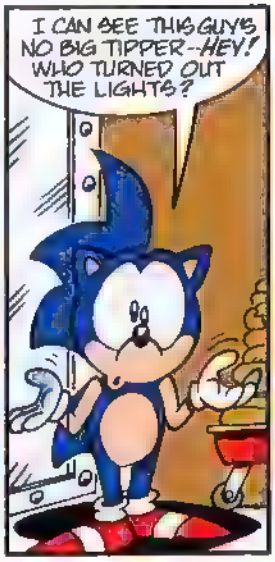

ON MINE, YOU HATEFULLY HAPPY HEDGEHOG!
:Choke!: THAT VOICE!...
THE SAME ONE THAT ORDERED TWO HUNDRED CHILI DOGS!
:gasp!: ROBOT-NIK!
CHUCK'S CHILI DOGS
HRRRR.

MEANWHILE...
THIS IS THE PLACE!
MAN, THESE UGLY FACTORIES ARE SPRINGING UP ALL OVER THE PLACE LATELY!

PHOOO! IT REALLY STINKS HERE! DELIVER THIS DELIVERY BOY FROM THIS HOLE!
SAFETY RULES: NONE!!
KNOCK! KNOCK!

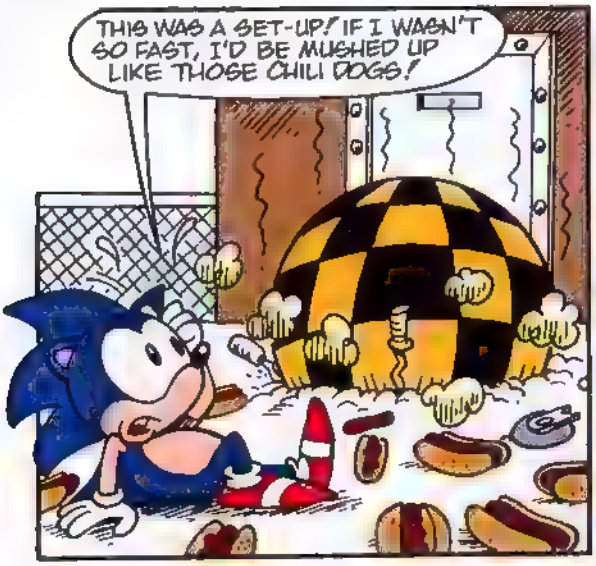

YES?...OH! THE CHILI DOGS!
RIGHT YOU ARE, CHICKEN LITTLE YOU OWE ME THREE HUNDRED SMACKERS!
BILL
200 CHILI DOGS $300.00
NOT WELCOME


STAY RIGHT THERE AND YOU'LL GET WHAT'S COMING TO YOU, HEDGEHOG!
SLAM!
BILL

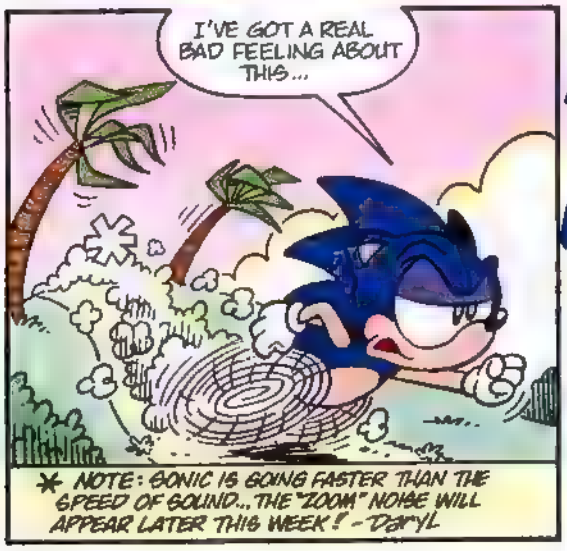

I CAN SEE THIS GUY'S NO BIG TIPPER--HEY! WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?

um...oh

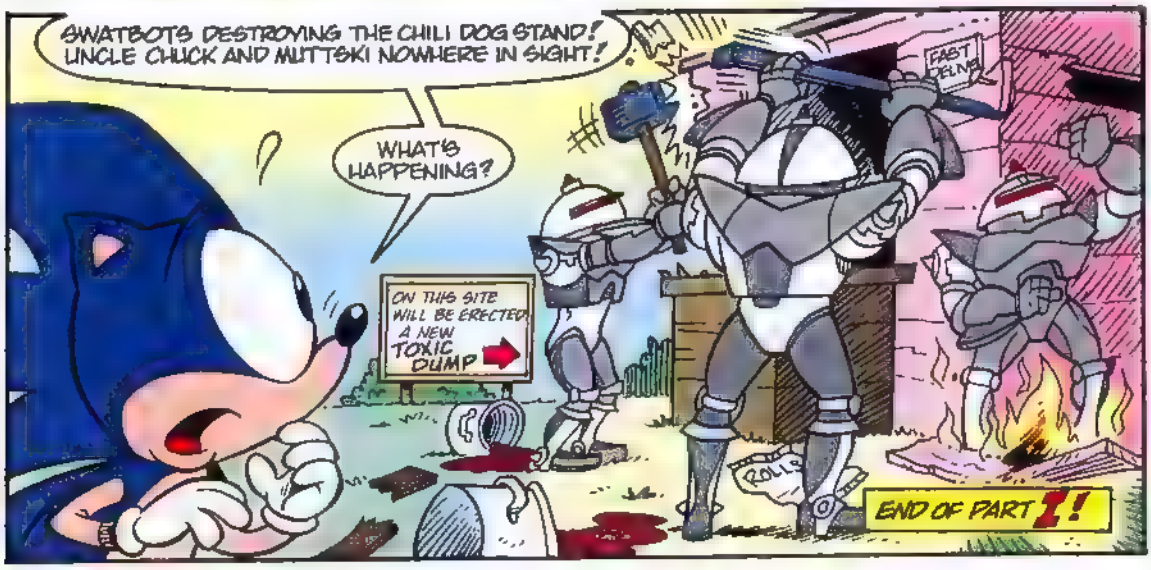
SMUNCH!

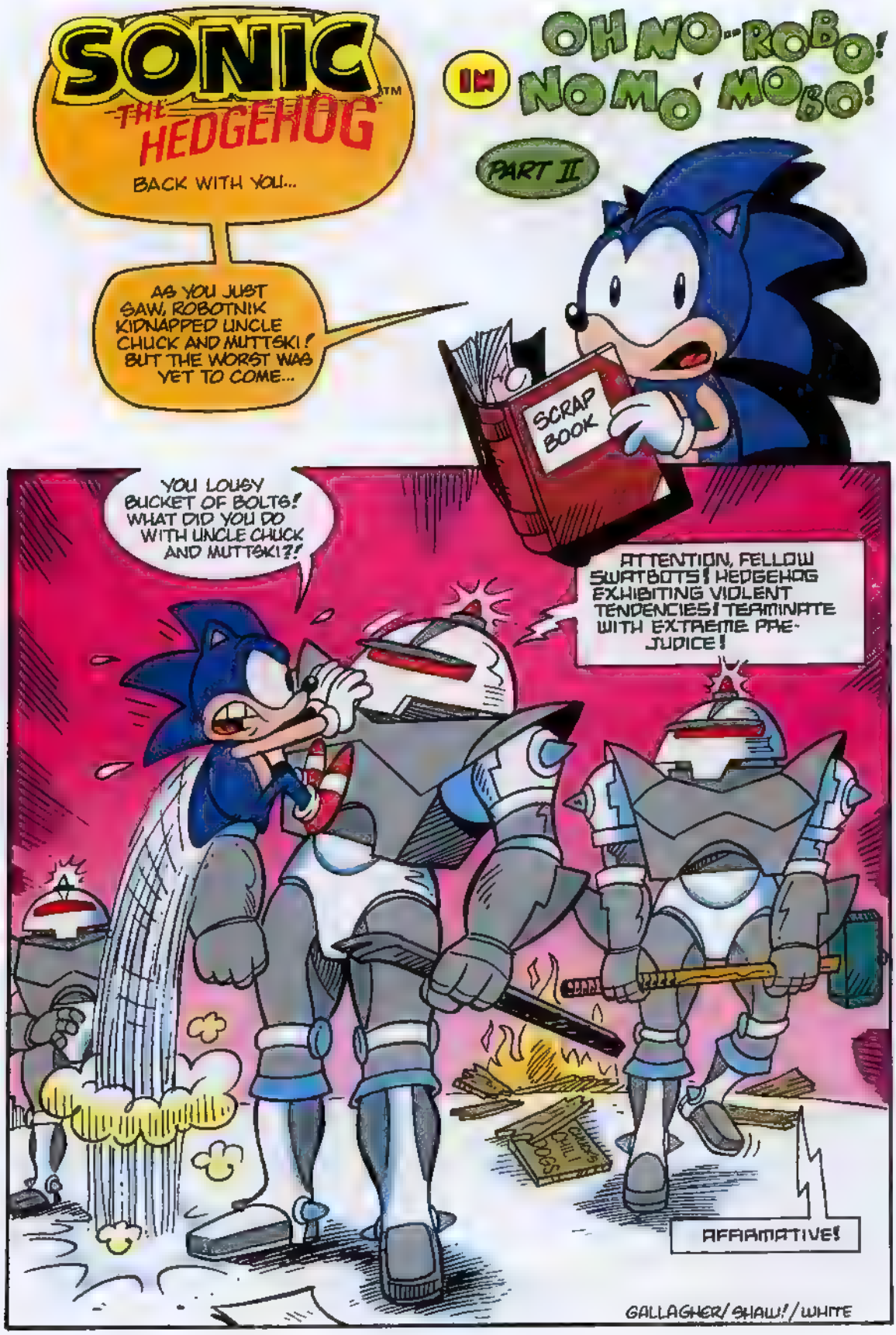

THIS WAS A SET-UP! IF I WASN'T SO FAST, I'D BE MUSHED UP LIKE THOSE CHILI DOGS!

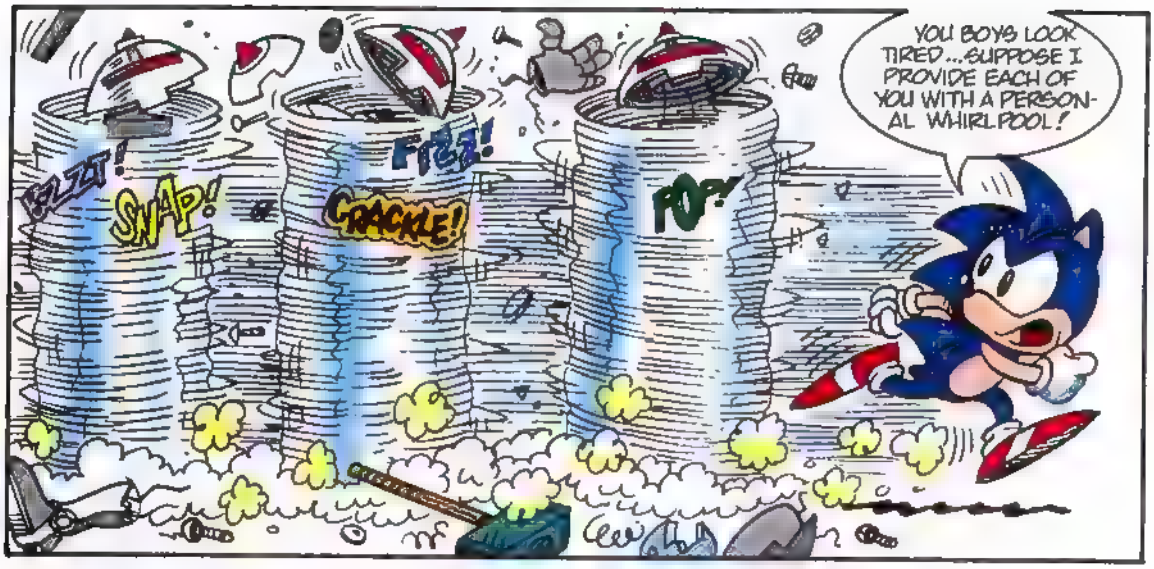
HOLD ON... THE CHILI DOGS?
YIPE! UNCLE CHUCK!!

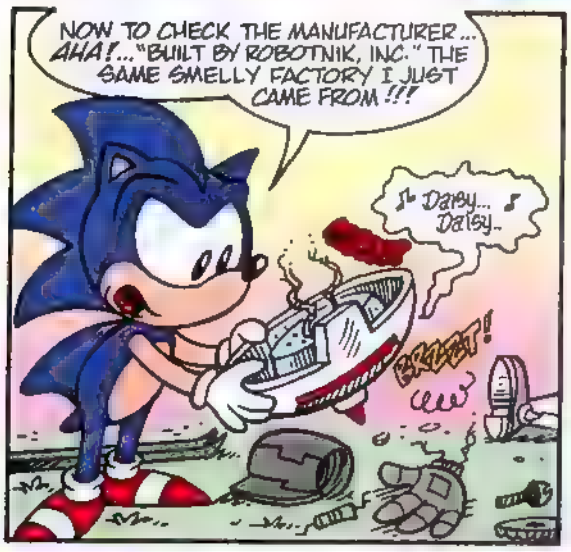

I'VE GOT A REAL BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
* NOTE: SONIC IS GOING FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND... THE "ZOOM" NOISE WILL APPEAR LATER THIS WEEK! - DARYL

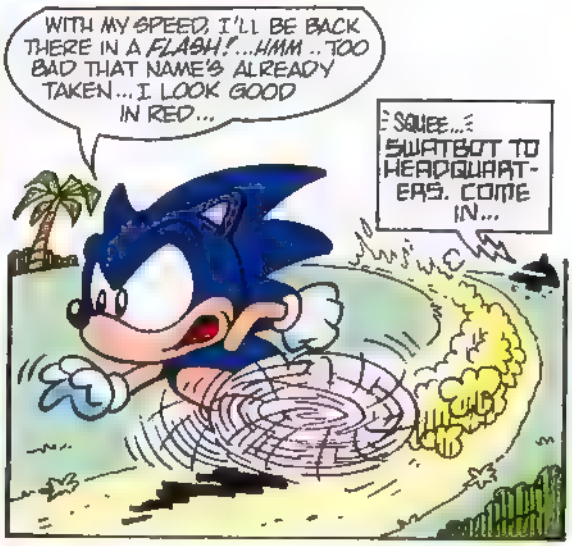
OH, NO!...
NO...
NO!
ERT!

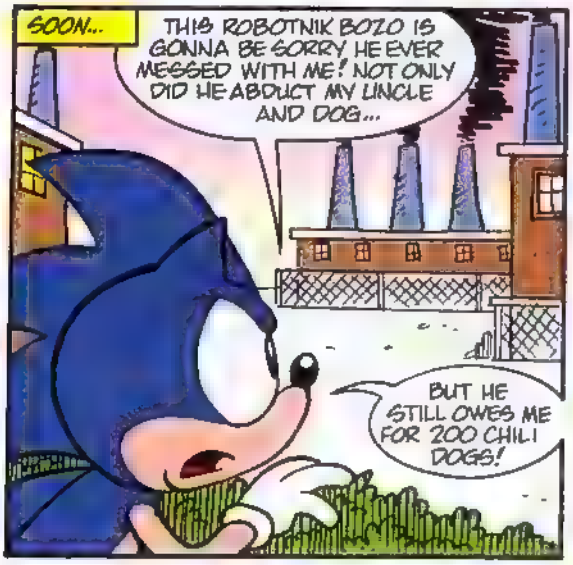

SWATBOTS DESTROYING THE CHILI DOG STAND! UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI NOWHERE IN SIGHT!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
ON THIS SITE WILL BE ERECTED A NEW TOXIC DUMP
FAST FOOD
END OF PART 1!

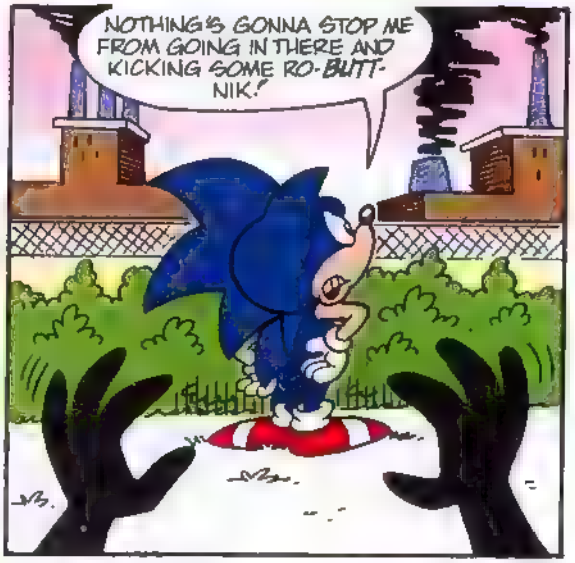

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
BACK WITH YOU...
IN OH NO-ROBO! NO MO' MOBO!
PART II
AS YOU JUST SAW, ROBOTNIK KIDNAPPED UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI! BUT THE WORST WAS YET TO COME...
SCRAP BOOK
YOU LOUSY BUCKET OF BOLTS! WHAT DID YOU DO WITH UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI?!
ATTENTION, FELLOW SWATBOTS! HEDGEHOG EXHIBITING VIOLENT TENDENCIES! TERMINATE WITH EXTREME PRE-JUDICE!
AFFIRMATIVE!
GALLAGHER/SHAW!/WHITE

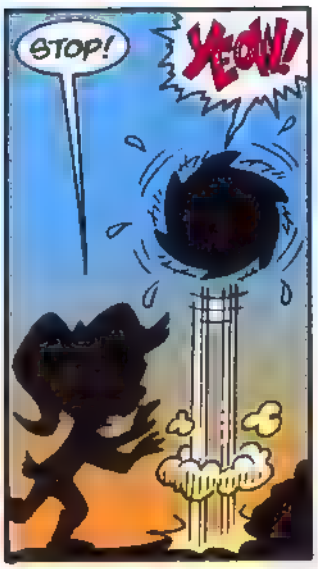

YOU BOYS LOOK TIRED...SUPPOSE I PROVIDE EACH OF YOU WITH A PERSONAL WHIRLPOOL!
BZZT!
SNAP!
FIZZ!
CRACKLE!
POP!


NOW TO CHECK THE MANUFACTURER... AHA!..."BUILT BY ROBOTNIK, INC." THE SAME SMELLY FACTORY I JUST CAME FROM!!!
♪ Daisy... Daisy..
BRRZZT!


WITH MY SPEED, I'LL BE BACK THERE IN A FLASH!...HMM...TOO BAD THAT NAME'S ALREADY TAKEN...I LOOK GOOD IN RED...
SQUEE...! SWATBOT TO HEADQUARTERS. COME IN...


SOON...
THIS ROBOTNIK BOZO IS GONNA BE SORRY HE EVER MESSED WITH ME! NOT ONLY DID HE ABDUCT MY UNCLE AND DOG...
BUT HE STILL OWES ME FOR 200 CHILI DOGS!


NOTHING'S GONNA STOP ME FROM GOING IN THERE AND KICKING SOME RO-BUTT-NIK!


STOP!
YEOW!

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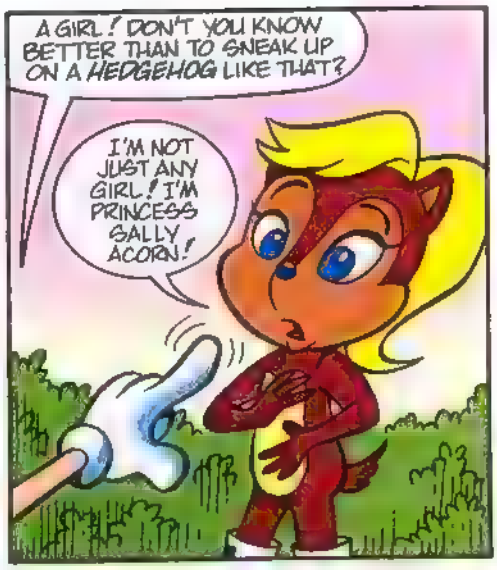
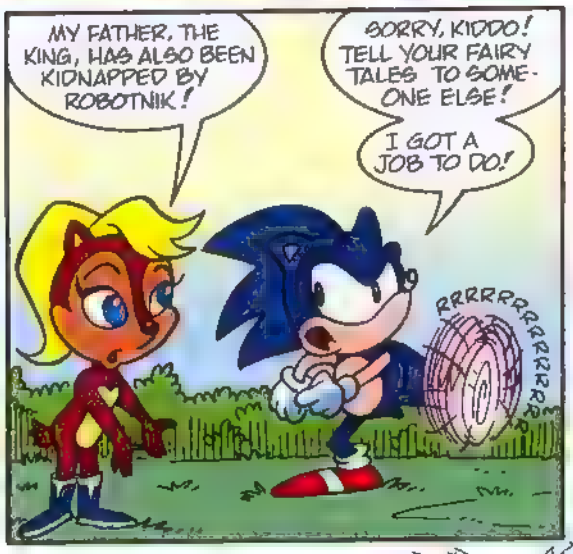
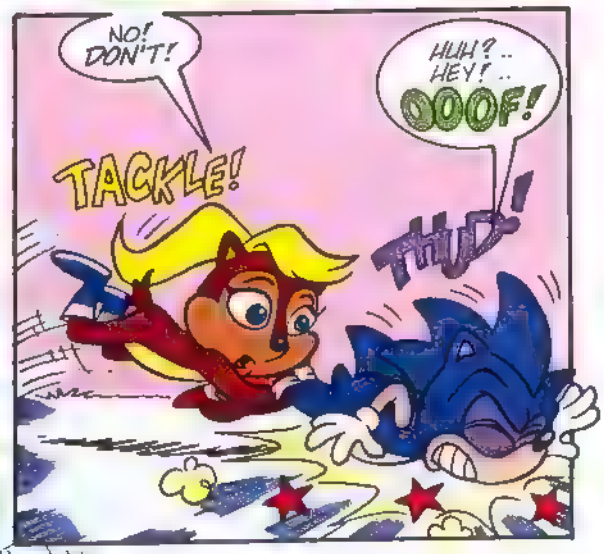
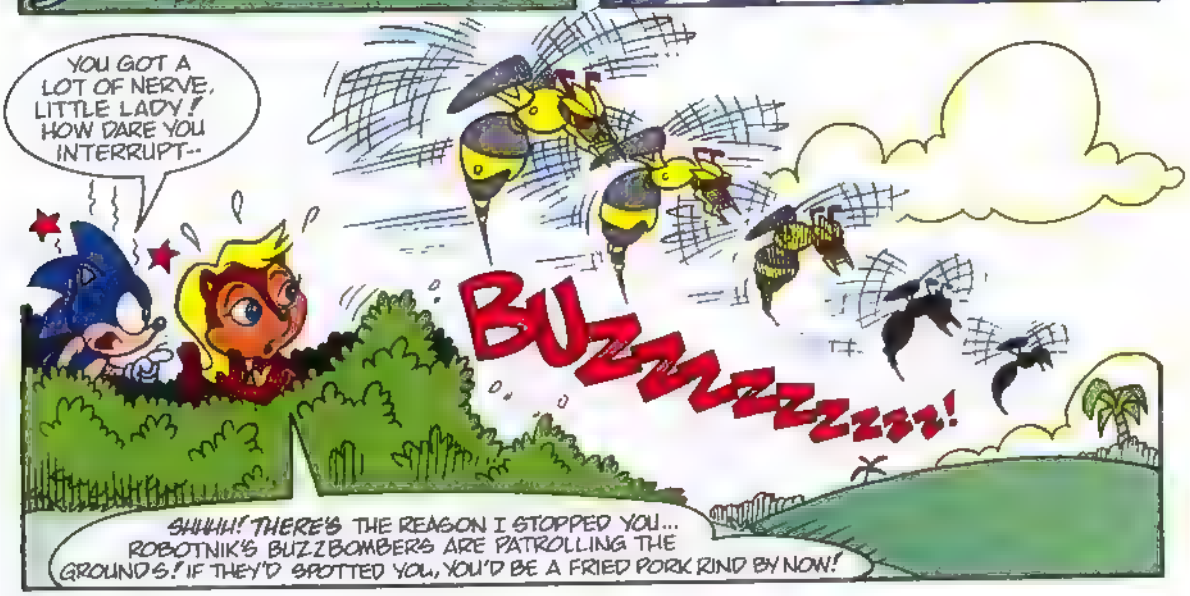

A GIRL! DON'T YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO SNEAK UP ON A HEDGEHOG LIKE THAT?
I'M NOT JUST ANY GIRL! I'M PRINCESS SALLY ACORN!

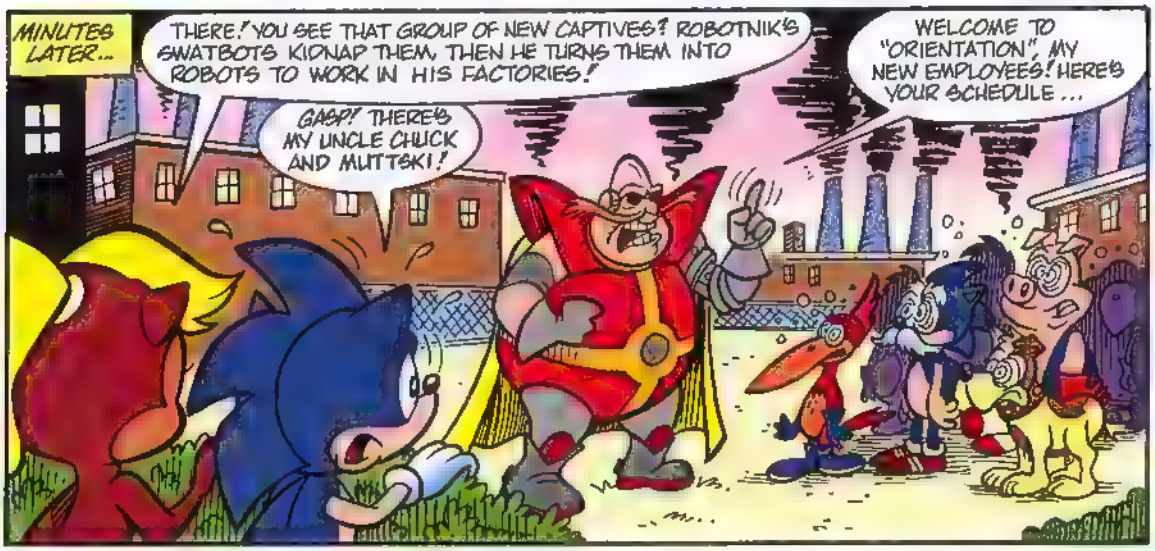

MY FATHER, THE KING, HAS ALSO BEEN KIDNAPPED BY ROBOTNIK!
SORRY, KIDDO! TELL YOUR FAIRY TALES TO SOMEONE ELSE!
I GOT A JOB TO DO!
RRRRRRRRRRRR


NO! DON'T!
HUH? .. HEY! ..
OOOF!
TACKLE!
THUD!


YOU GOT A LOT OF NERVE, LITTLE LADY! HOW DARE YOU INTERRUPT--
BUZZZZZZZZZ!
SHHHH! THERE'S THE REASON I STOPPED YOU... ROBOTNIK'S BUZZBOMBERS ARE PATROLLING THE GROUNDS! IF THEY'D SPOTTED YOU, YOU'D BE A FRIED PORK RIND BY NOW!

GEE, THANKS, SALLY! YOU REALLY SAVED MY PORK RIND... I MEAN SKIN.
YES! I ALSO KNOW WHERE YOUR UNCLE CHUCK HAS BEEN TAKEN!

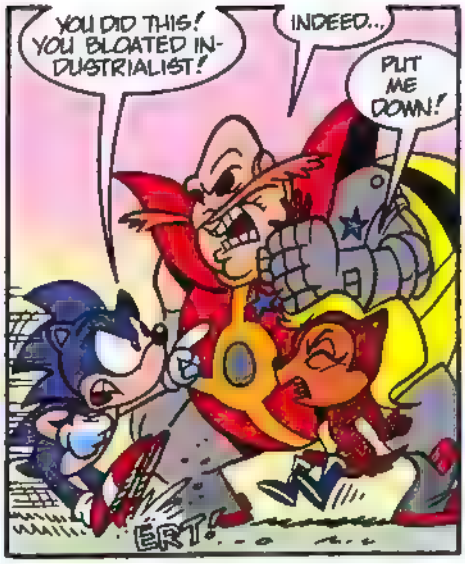
WE'LL TAKE THE SHORTCUT... I HOPE YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH ME!
HA! "SPEED" IS MY MIDDLE NAME!
ACTUALLY, IT'S MAURICE BUT DON'T TELL ANYONE, OK?

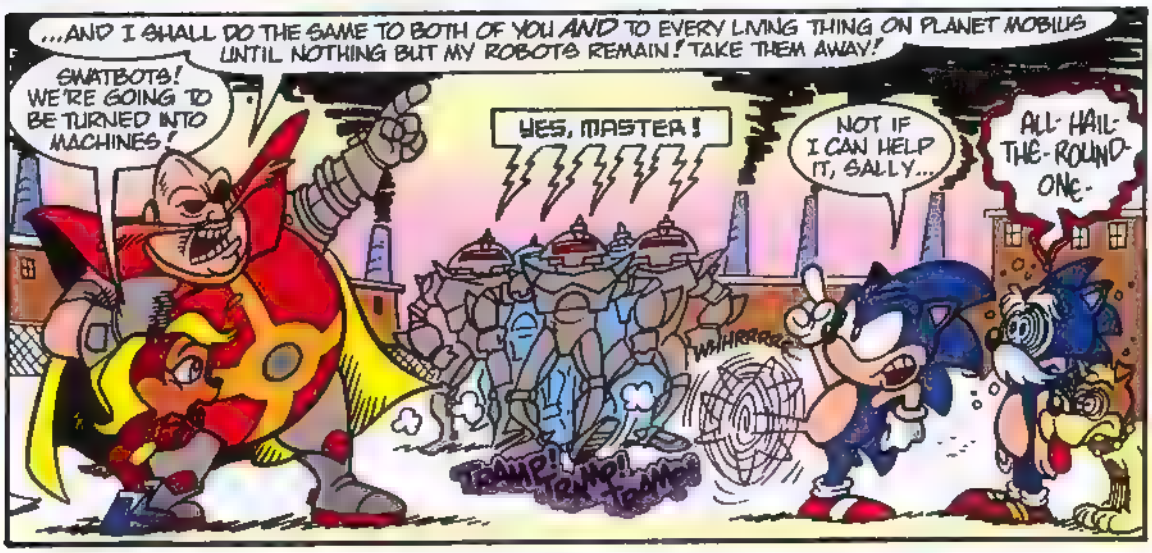

MINUTES LATER...
THERE! YOU SEE THAT GROUP OF NEW CAPTIVES? ROBOTNIK'S SWATBOTS KIDNAP THEM, THEN HE TURNS THEM INTO ROBOTS TO WORK IN HIS FACTORIES!
GASP! THERE'S MY UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI!
WELCOME TO "ORIENTATION", MY NEW EMPLOYEES! HERE'S YOUR SCHEDULE...

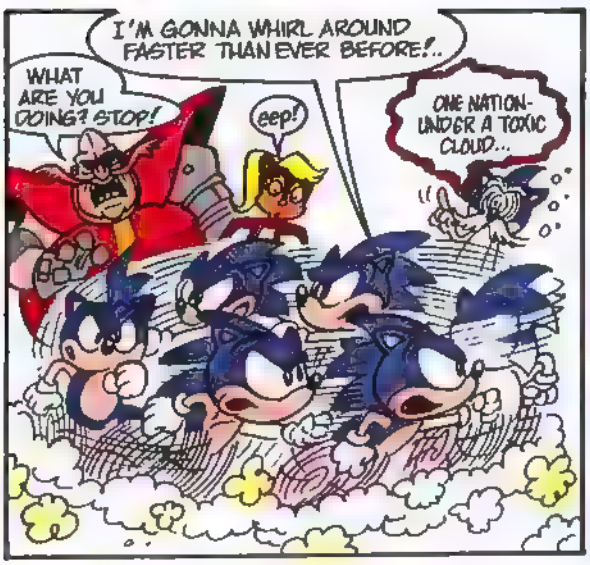
I'VE GOT TO SAVE THEM!
IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT, SONIC!
YOU WILL WORK ALL DAY, EVERY DAY! NOW, LET'S HEAR "THE PLEDGE OF ROBOTNIK ALLEGIANCE!"

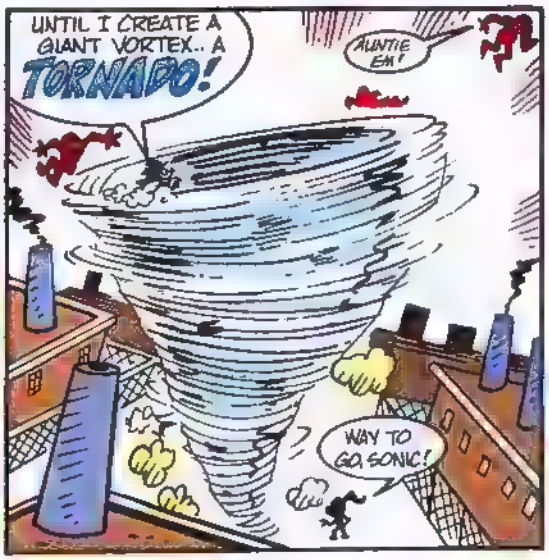
WE-PLEDGE-THE-REST-OF-OUR-LIVES-TO-SLAVE-FOR-GREAT-ROBOTNIK--
EH?
UNCLE CHUCK-- NO!

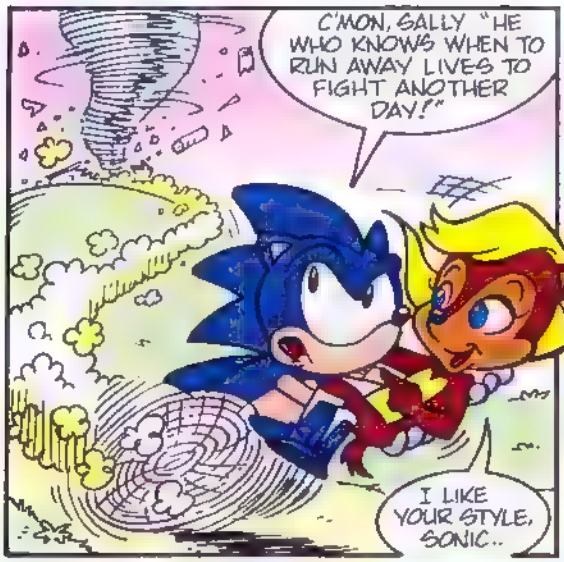
UNCLE CHUCK... SPEAK TO ME!
I-PROMISE-TO-IGNORE-ALL-ENVIRONMENTAL-LAW
OH, NO! HE IS A ROBOT!
HAW! ANOTHER HEDGE-HOG... AND THE PRINCESS!
ON!

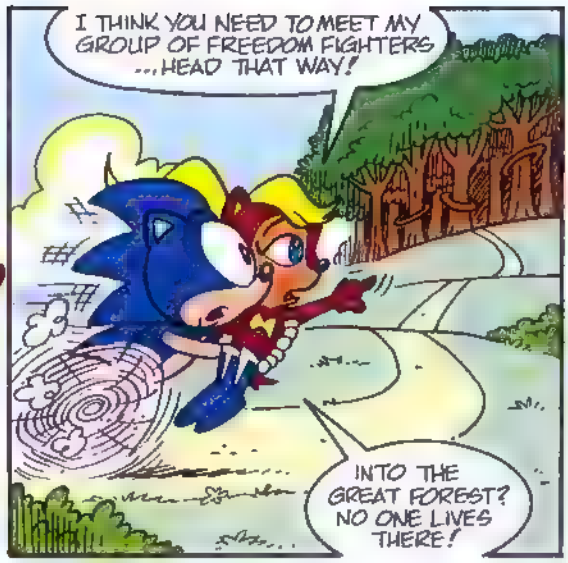

YOU DID THIS! YOU BLOATED IN-DUSTRIALIST!
INDEED...
PUT ME DOWN!
ERT!

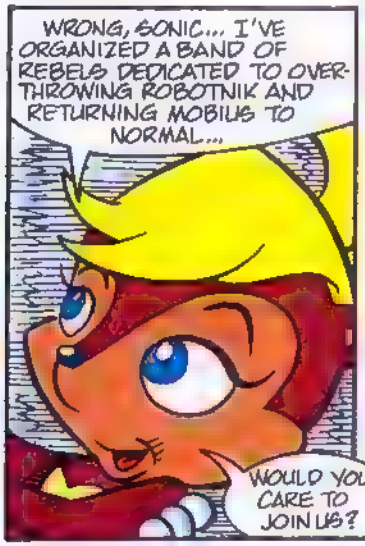

...AND I SHALL DO THE SAME TO BOTH OF YOU AND TO EVERY LIVING THING ON PLANET MOBIUS UNTIL NOTHING BUT MY ROBOTS REMAIN! TAKE THEM AWAY!
SWATBOTS! WE'RE GOING TO BE TURNED INTO MACHINES!
YES, MASTER!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, SALLY...
ALL-HAIL-THE-ROUND-ONE-
WHIRRRRR
TRAMP! TRAMP! TRAMP!


I'M GONNA WHIRL AROUND FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE!..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? STOP!
eep!
ONE NATION-UNDER A TOXIC CLOUD...


UNTIL I CREATE A GIANT VORTEX.. A TORNADO!
AUNTIE EM!
WAY TO GO, SONIC!

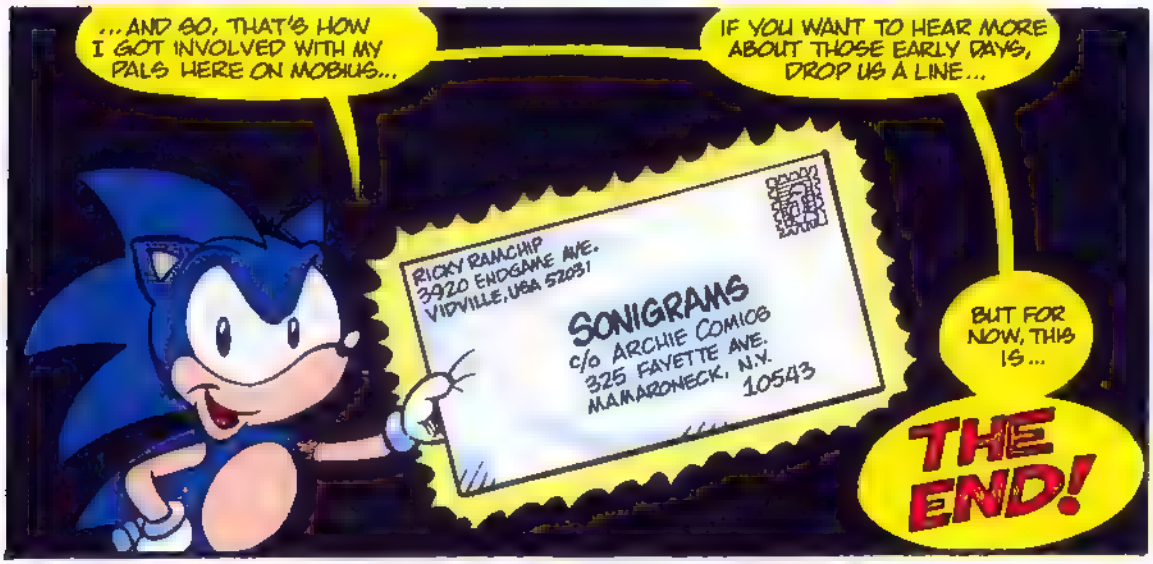

C'MON, SALLY "HE WHO KNOWS WHEN TO RUN AWAY LIVES TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!"
I LIKE YOUR STYLE, SONIC..


I THINK YOU NEED TO MEET MY GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS ...HEAD THAT WAY!
INTO THE GREAT FOREST? NO ONE LIVES THERE!


WRONG, SONIC... I'VE ORGANIZED A BAND OF REBELS DEDICATED TO OVER-THROWING ROBOTNIK AND RETURNING MOBIUS TO NORMAL...
WOULD YOU CARE TO JOIN US?

IF IT MEANS FREEDOM FOR MY UNCLE, MY DOG, AND ALL THOSE OTHER FOLKS... PLUS, ANOTHER SHOT AT ROBOTNIK...

THE ANSWER IS YES!
ZOOOSH!


...AND SO, THAT'S HOW I GOT INVOLVED WITH MY PALS HERE ON MOBIUS...
IF YOU WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THOSE EARLY DAYS, DROP US A LINE...
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BUT FOR NOW, THIS IS...
THE END!

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THIS IS THE CITY—MOBOTROPOLIS! AT LEAST IT USED TO BE UNTIL THE EVIL DR ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER AND TURNED IT INTO ROBOTROPOLIS! ONLY A FEW FREEDOM FIGHTERS REMAIN WHO REMEMBER THE WAY IT WAS AND HOPEFULLY THE WAY IT WILL BE AGAIN SOMEDAY! FOREMOST AMONG THEM IS:

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in: RUN, SALLY, RUN!

Part 1

C'MON, TAILS... KEEP UP! I'M ABOUT TO JUMP INTO HYPER-SONIC SPEED!

I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU, SONIC!

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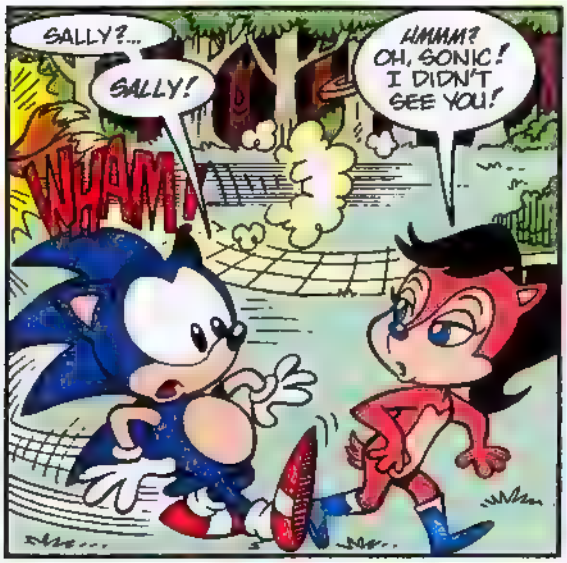
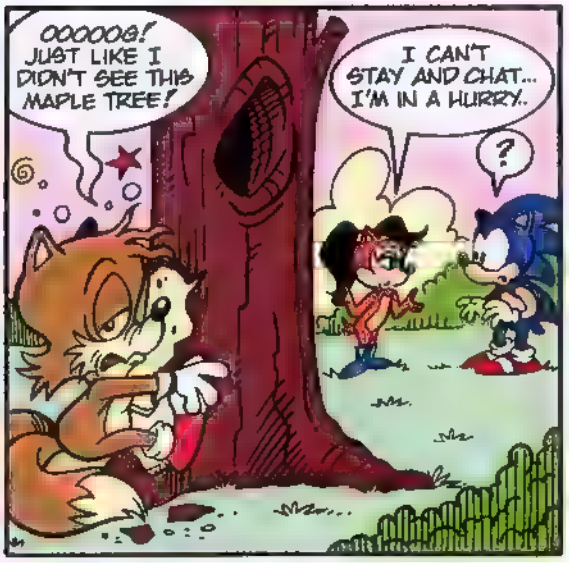
GO! WHOA! THERE'S PRINCESS SALLY!

KOFF! KOFF! HEY! I CAN'T SEE! WHERE AM I?

SCREEECH!


SALLY?...
SALLY!
WHAM!
HMMM? OH, SONIC! I DIDN'T SEE YOU!


OOOOOG! JUST LIKE I DIDN'T SEE THIS MAPLE TREE!
I CAN'T STAY AND CHAT... I'M IN A HURRY..
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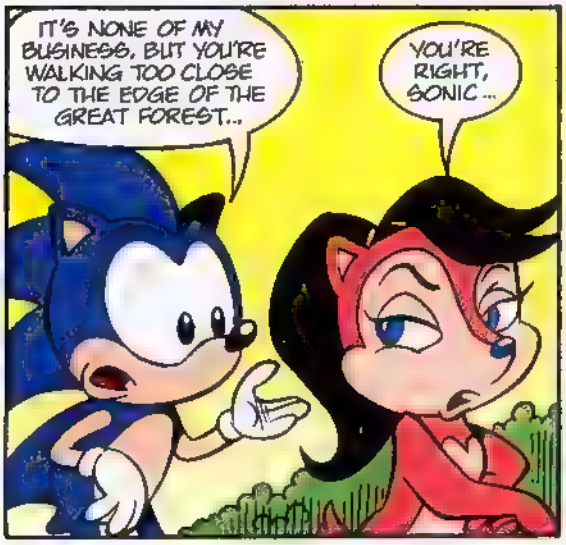
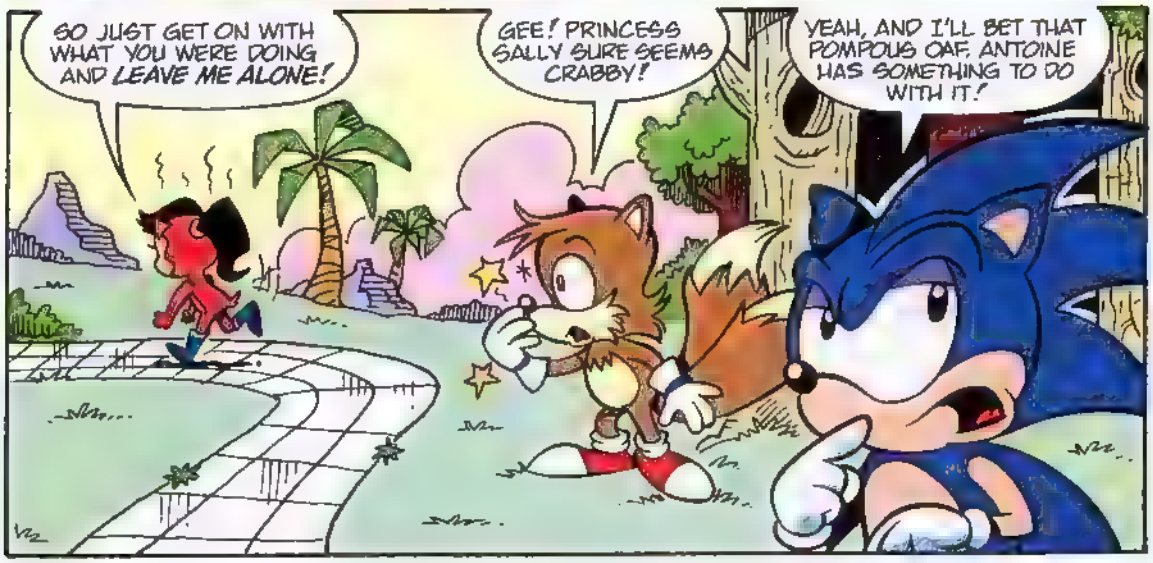
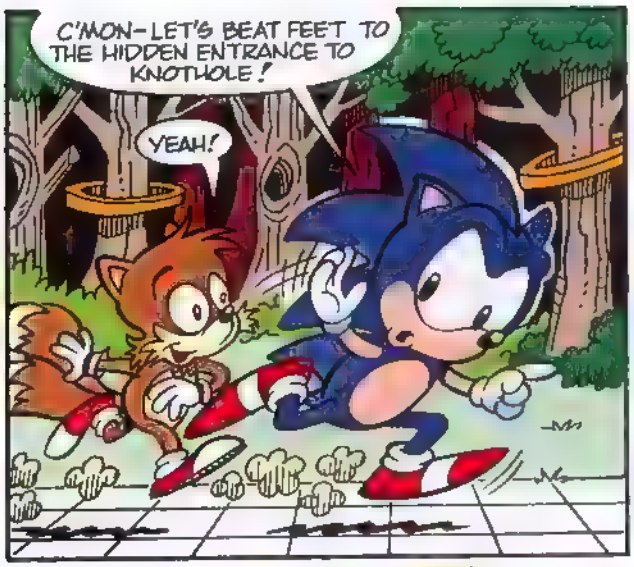
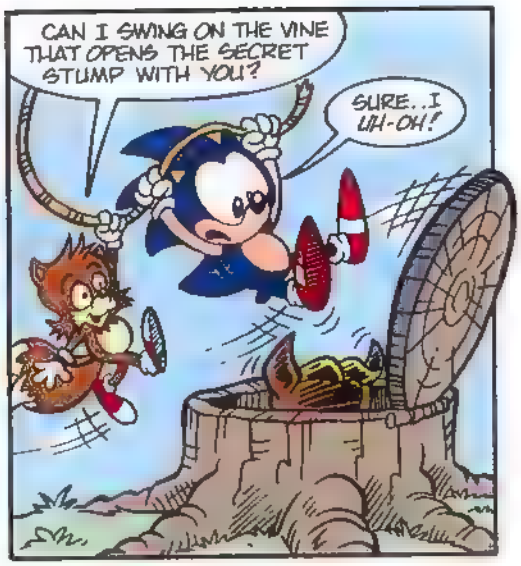
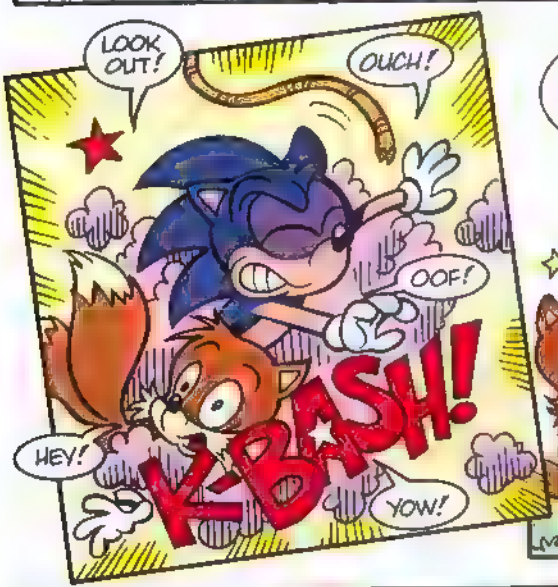

IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT YOU'RE WALKING TOO CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF THE GREAT FOREST...
YOU'RE RIGHT, SONIC...

WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE I KNOW THE AREA SO WELL AND...
NO, I MEAN YOU'RE RIGHT THAT IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!


SO JUST GET ON WITH WHAT YOU WERE DOING AND LEAVE ME ALONE!
GEE! PRINCESS SALLY SURE SEEMS CRABBY!
YEAH, AND I'LL BET THAT POMPOUS OAF, ANTOINE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT!

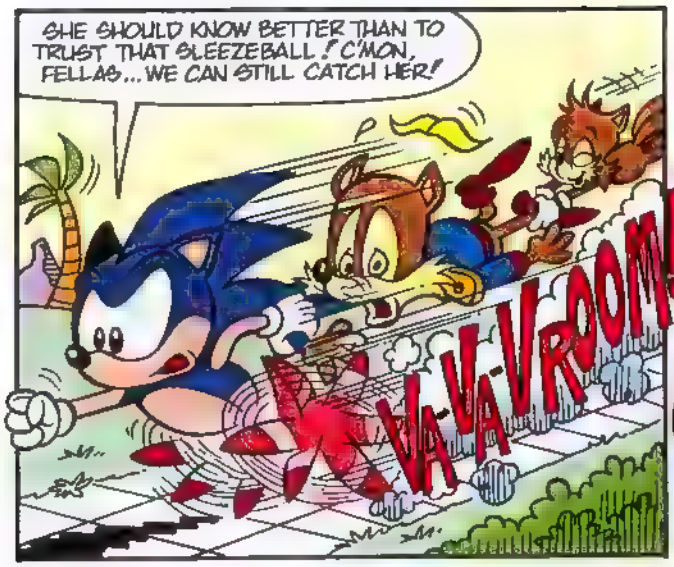

C'MON–LET'S BEAT FEET TO THE HIDDEN ENTRANCE TO KNOTHOLE!
YEAH!


CAN I SWING ON THE VINE THAT OPENS THE SECRET STUMP WITH YOU?
SURE..I UH-OH!


LOOK OUT!
OUCH!
OOF!
HEY!
YOW!
K-BASH!

ANTOINE WAS COMING OUT OF THE STUMP JUST AS WE WERE GOING IN!
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW!

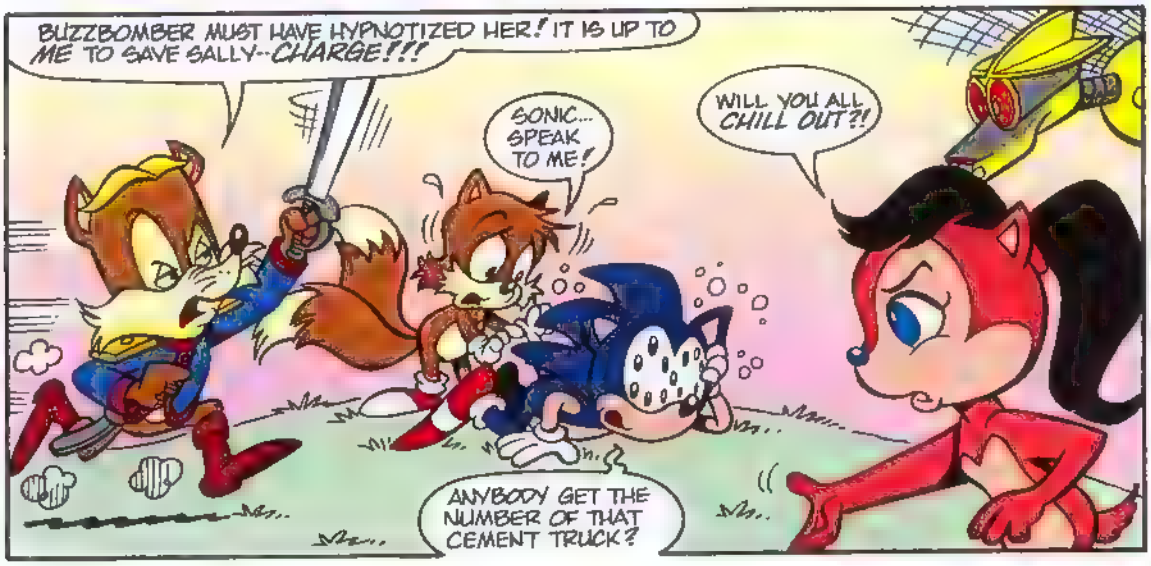
I'LL BE GLAD TO!.. PRINCESS SALLY IS ON HER WAY TO ROBOTROPOLIS!
HUH? LET ME SPEED READ THIS.. OH NO!!!
WHAT?
Royal Proclamation
I Have arranged a meeting with Doctor Robotnik to negotiate the return of my father, King Acorn! NO ONE must interfere with my plan... that's an ORDER!
Sally

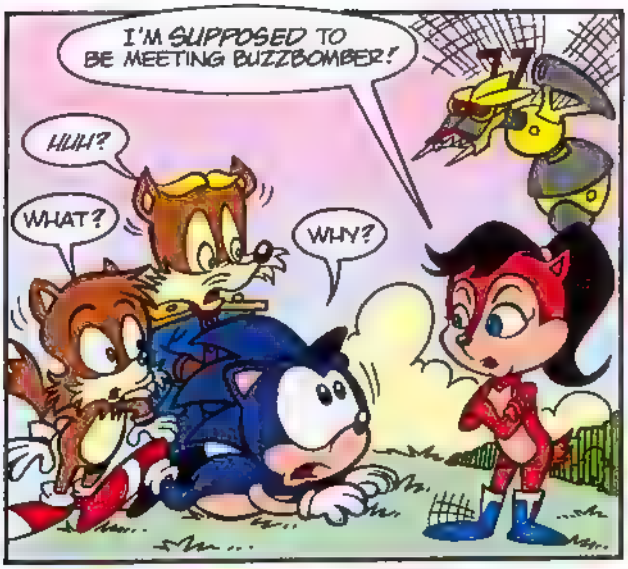

SHE SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO TRUST THAT SLEEZEBALL! C'MON, FELLAS... WE CAN STILL CATCH HER!
VA-VA-VROOM!

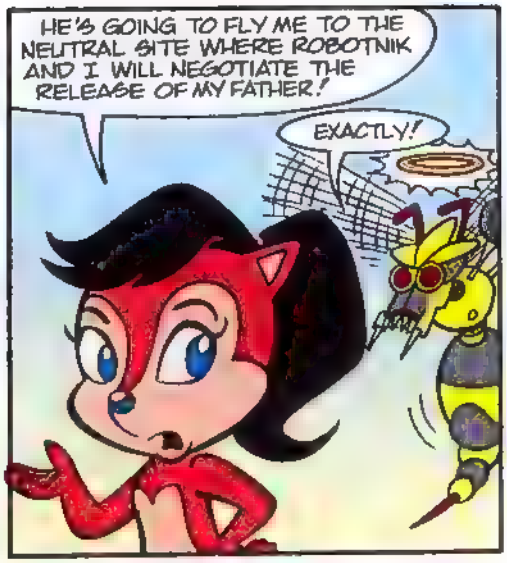
THERE SHE IS! WE'RE JUST IN TIME. BUZZ-BOMBER IS ABOUT TO ATTACK HER!

STAY BACK! THIS CALLS FOR A SONIC SPIN!
ZING!
HUH? WHAT?
NO!
AHA! YOU DID BETRAY US, SALLY!

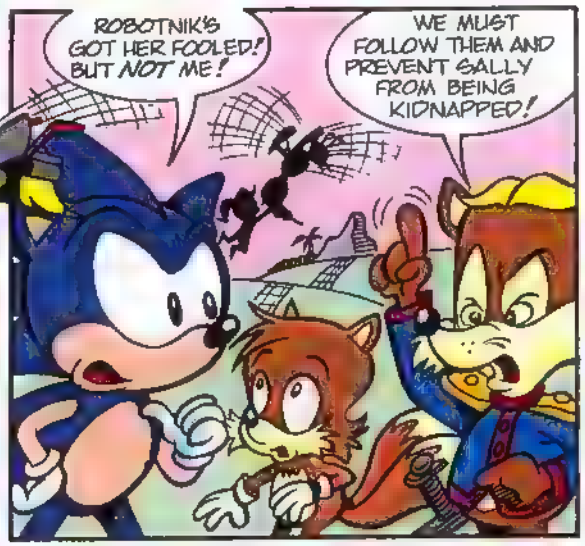
SONIC-DON'T!
HEY! WHAT THE..?
SALLY! WHY DID..
UH OH...
YEOWTCH!
THUD!

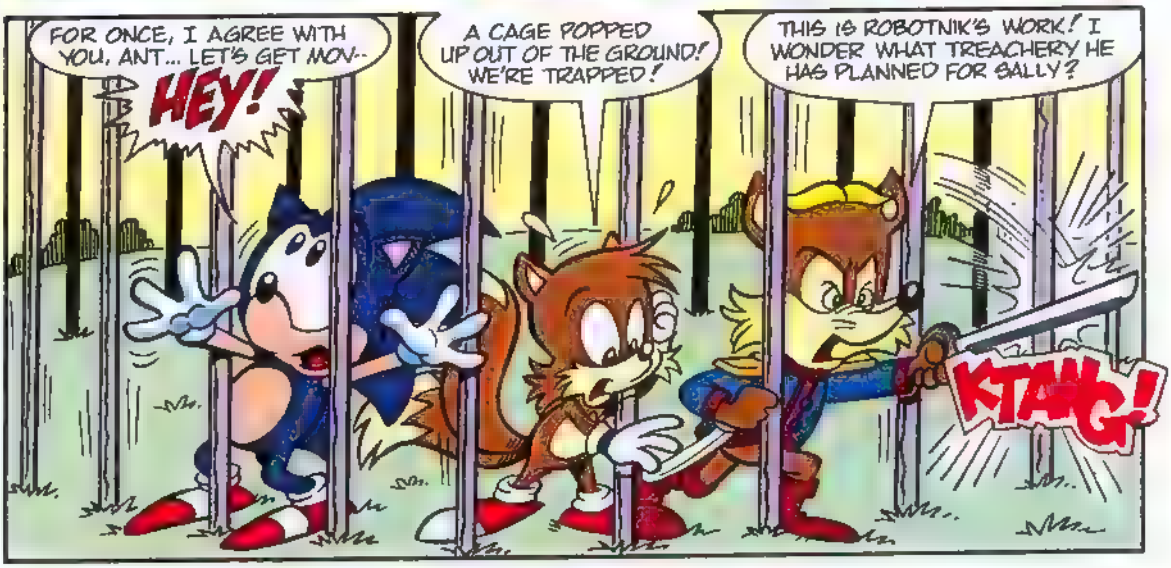

BUZZBOMBER MUST HAVE HYPNOTIZED HER! IT IS UP TO ME TO SAVE SALLY--CHARGE!!!
SONIC... SPEAK TO ME!
WILL YOU ALL CHILL OUT?!
ANYBODY GET THE NUMBER OF THAT CEMENT TRUCK?

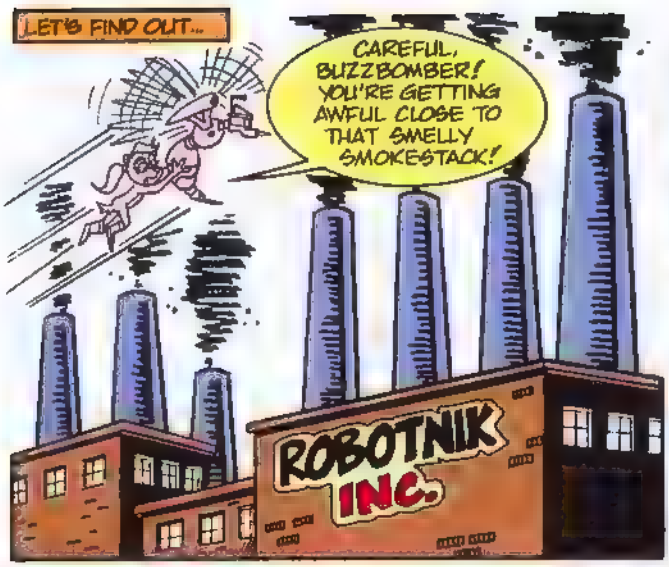

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE MEETING BUZZBOMBER!
HUH?
WHAT?
WHY?

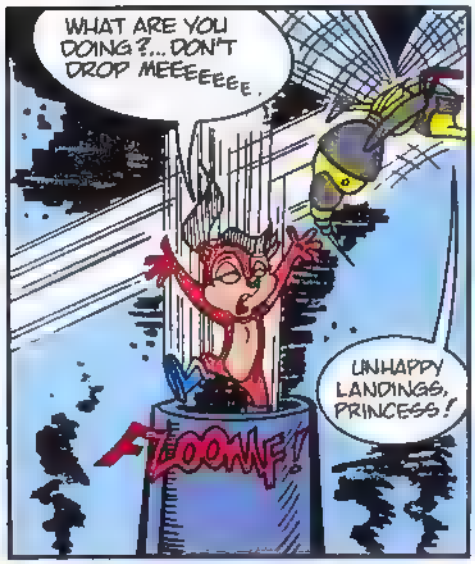

HE'S GOING TO FLY ME TO THE NEUTRAL SITE WHERE ROBOTNIK AND I WILL NEGOTIATE THE RELEASE OF MY FATHER!
EXACTLY!

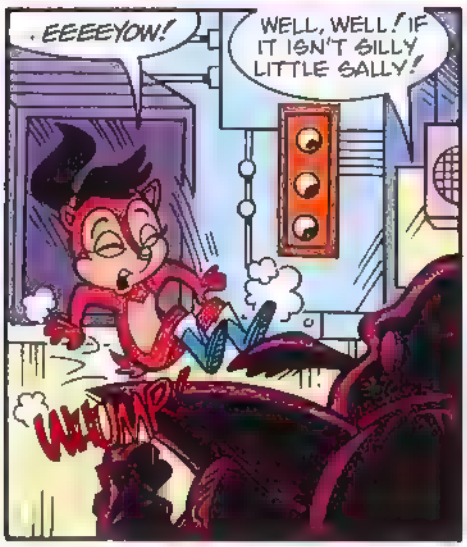
SALLY-- WAIT!
DON'T DO IT!
IT'S A TRAP!
I'VE GOT TO TAKE THAT CHANCE! RELAX-- I'LL BE FINE!

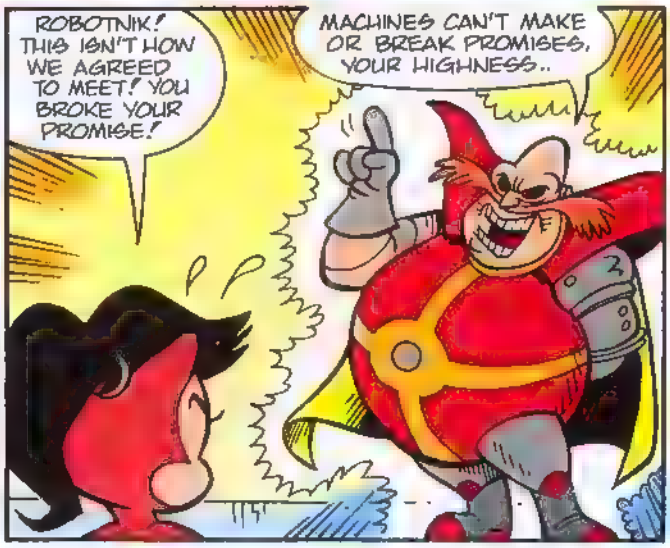

ROBOTNIK'S GOT HER FOOLED! BUT NOT ME!
WE MUST FOLLOW THEM AND PREVENT SALLY FROM BEING KIDNAPPED!

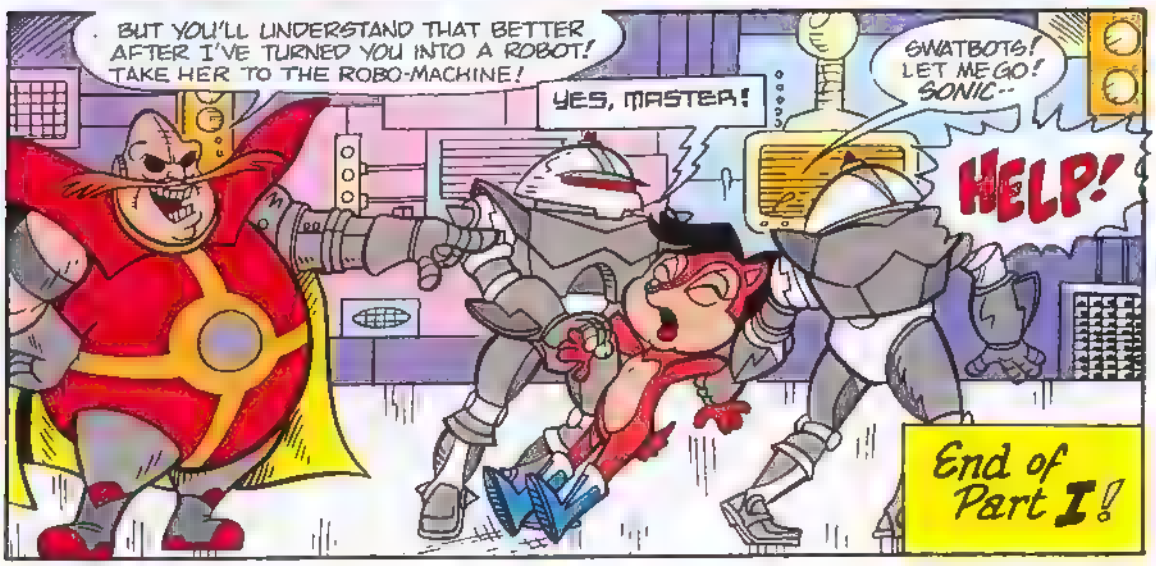

FOR ONCE, I AGREE WITH YOU, ANT... LET'S GET MOV--
HEY!
A CAGE POPPED UP OUT OF THE GROUND! WE'RE TRAPPED!
THIS IS ROBOTNIK'S WORK! I WONDER WHAT TREACHERY HE HAS PLANNED FOR SALLY?
KTANG!


LET'S FIND OUT...
CAREFUL, BUZZBOMBER! YOU'RE GETTING AWFUL CLOSE TO THAT SMELLY SMOKESTACK!
ROBOTNIK INC.

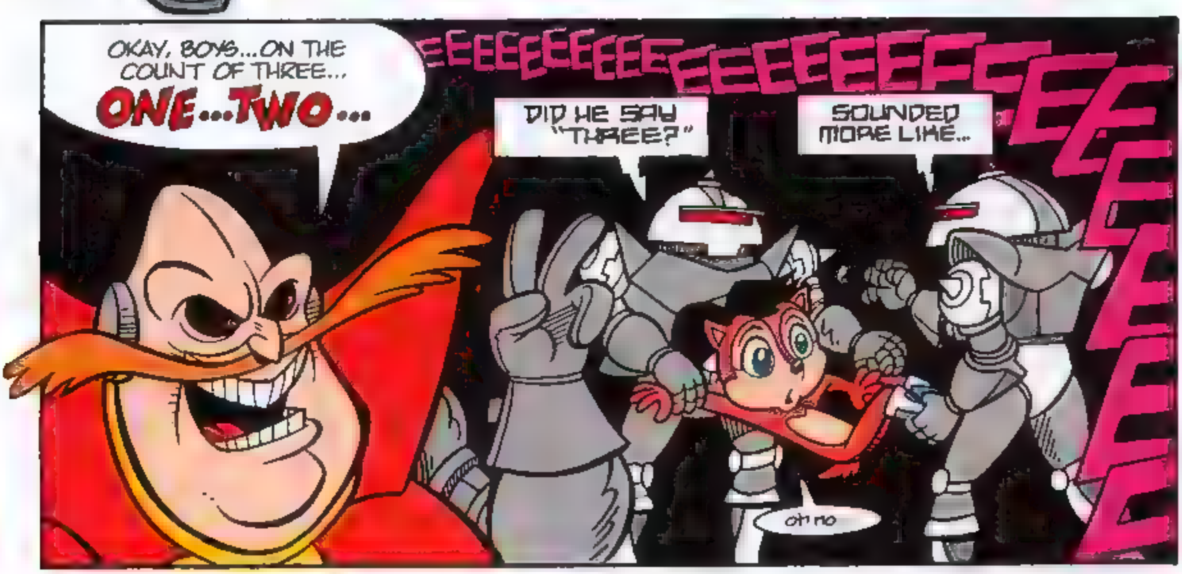

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?... DON'T DROP MEEEEEEE.
UNHAPPY LANDINGS, PRINCESS!
FLOOMF!


EEEEYOW!
WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T SILLY, LITTLE SALLY!
WUMP!


ROBOTNIK! THIS ISN'T HOW WE AGREED TO MEET! YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE!
MACHINES CAN'T MAKE OR BREAK PROMISES, YOUR HIGHNESS..


BUT YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THAT BETTER AFTER I'VE TURNED YOU INTO A ROBOT! TAKE HER TO THE ROBO-MACHINE!
YES, MASTER!
SWATBOTS! LET ME GO! SONIC--
HELP!
End of Part I!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
in
RUN, SALLY, RUN!
part II
CAN'T HELP YOU NOW, PRINCESS SALLY!
OH, PLEASE! DO ANYTHING TO ME, BUT DON'T THROW ME IN THAT ROBO-MACHINE AND TURN ME INTO A ROBOT!
ROBO-MACHINE
MADE IN ROBOTROPOLIS
ASSEMBLED IN MEXICO

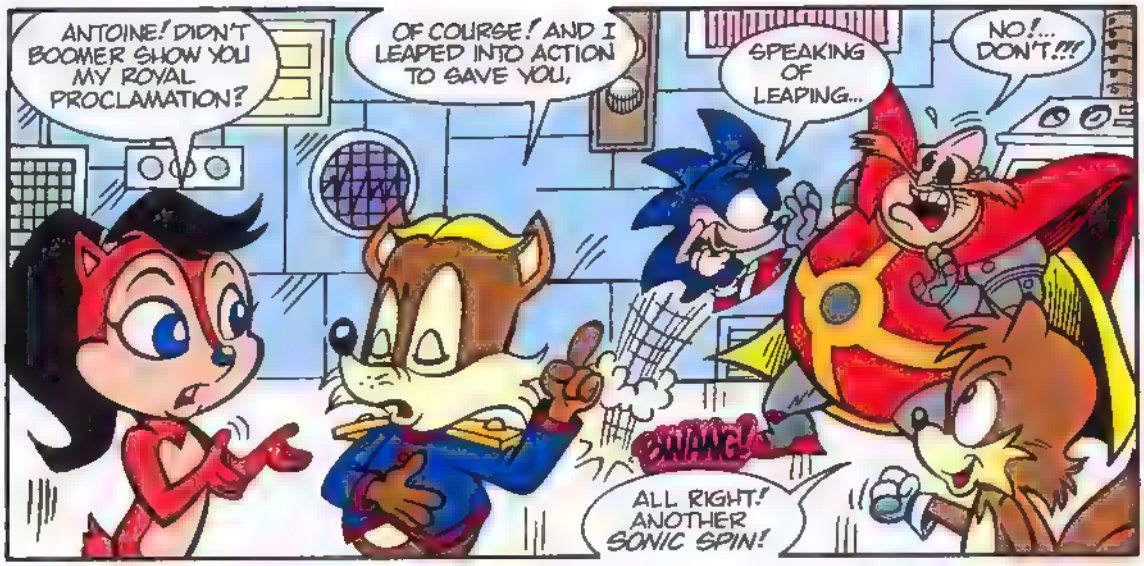

OKAY, BOYS...ON THE COUNT OF THREE...
ONE...TWO...
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
DID HE SAY "THREE?"
SOUNDED MORE LIKE...
oh no

EEEEEEEEEEKABOOOMMM!!
GADZOOKS! THE HEDGEHOG!
SONIC!
YOW!
AWH!

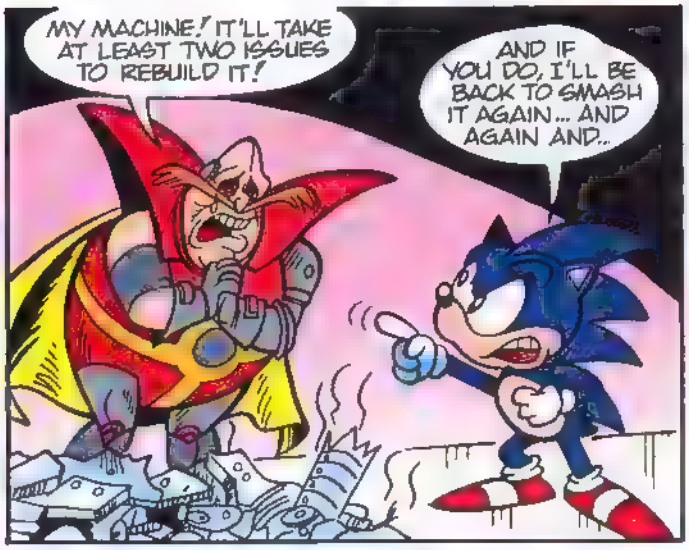
HOW DID YOU ESCAPE FROM MY UNDERGROUND CAGE?
WITH A SONIC SPIN LIKE THAT ONE! IT CAN CUT THRU ANYTHING!

INCLUDING YOUR ROBO-MACHINE, BLUBBER-BUTT!... AS SOON AS I GET SALLY OUT OF THE WAY!
YOU CAN'T CUT THRU MY ATOMIC RAY GUN!
BUT, SONIC...

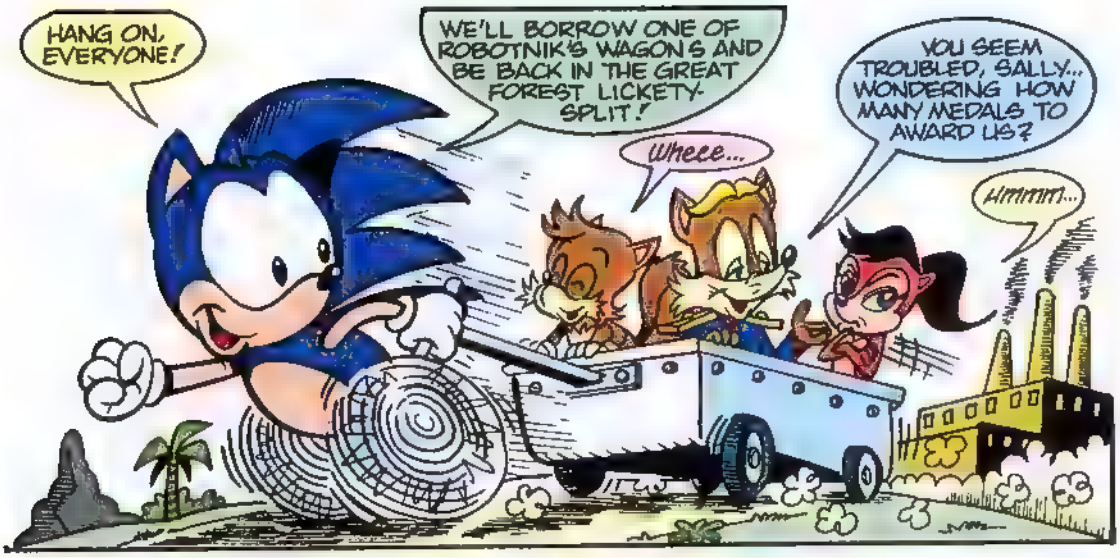
HMMM? WHERE IS IT? I KNOW I PUT IN MY CAPE... I'VE BEEN PICKPOCKETED!
BY THE BEST! ANTOINE D'COOLETTE!
WITH AN ASSIST FROM TAILS!
OH, NO! YOU TWO, TOO?
WELL, IT IS "TWOSDAY!"


ANTOINE! DIDN'T BOOMER SHOW YOU MY ROYAL PROCLAMATION?
OF COURSE! AND I LEAPED INTO ACTION TO SAVE YOU,
SPEAKING OF LEAPING...
NO!... DON'T!!!
SWANG!
ALL RIGHT! ANOTHER SONIC SPIN!

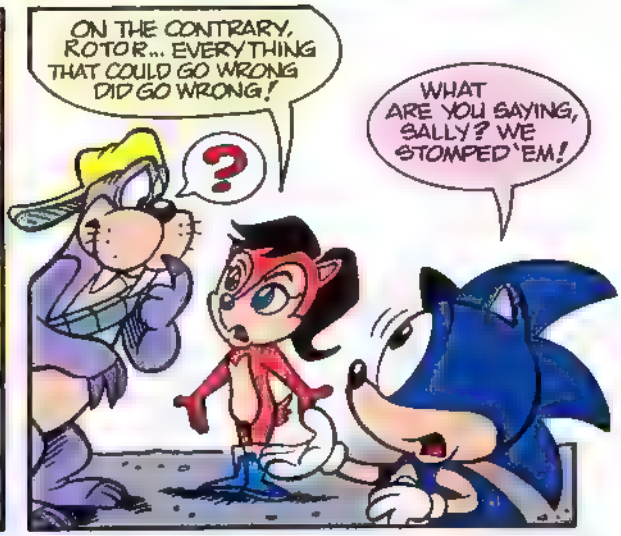
KISS YOUR ROBO-MACHINE GOODBYE, ROBOTNIK!
SKRUNK!


MY MACHINE! IT'LL TAKE AT LEAST TWO ISSUES TO REBUILD IT!
AND IF YOU DO, I'LL BE BACK TO SMASH IT AGAIN... AND AGAIN AND..

AND NOW, ON WITH THE RESCUE! COVER US, ANT!
WE'RE TAILING YOU, SONIC!
DON'T MOVE ANY METAL, ROBOTNIK OR I'LL ZAP YOUR BOLTS!
sigh
growl..
snort!
woof!

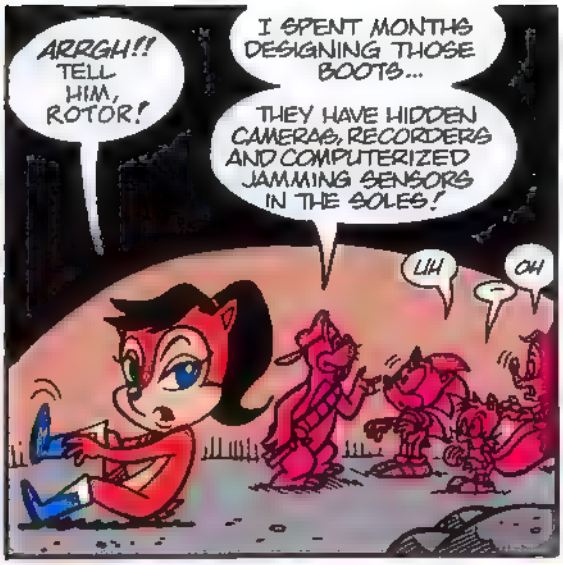

HANG ON, EVERYONE!
WE'LL BORROW ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S WAGONS AND BE BACK IN THE GREAT FOREST LICKETY-SPLIT!
Whee...
YOU SEEM TROUBLED, SALLY... WONDERING HOW MANY MEDALS TO AWARD US?
Hmmm...

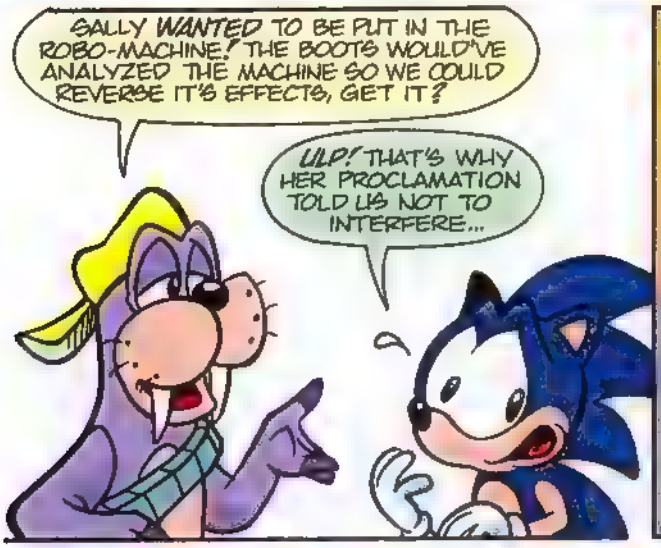
SOON, BACK AT KNOTHOLE...
WELCOME BACK, PRINCESS! DID EVERYTHING GO ACCORDING TO PLAN?
OH YEAH!
SLAP!
HIGH FIVES!
ALL RIGHT!
YEE HA!
groan..

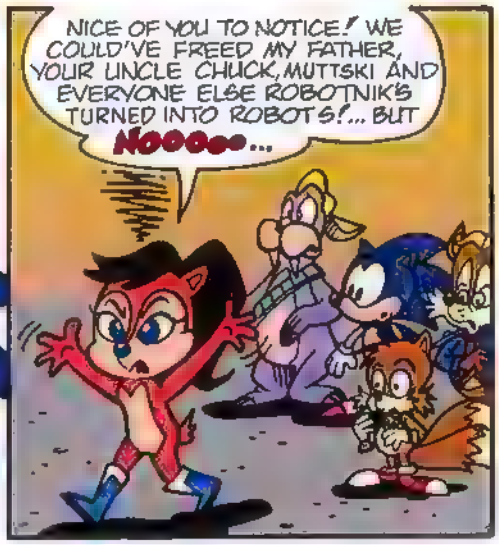

ON THE CONTRARY, ROTOR... EVERYTHING THAT COULD GO WRONG DID GO WRONG!
?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SALLY? WE STOMPED 'EM!

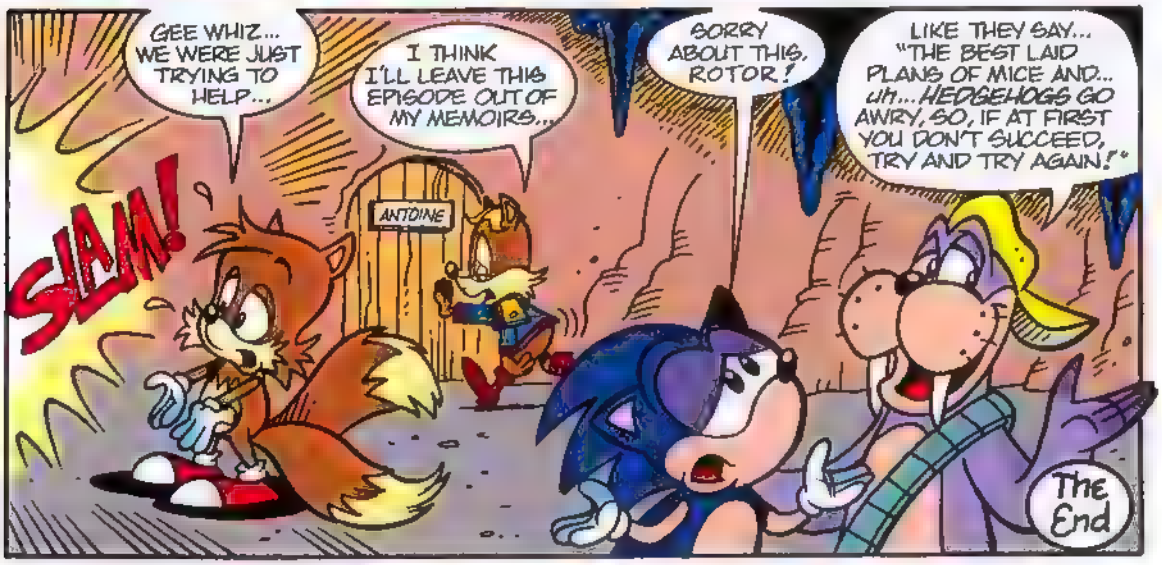
YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T GET TO USE--
NO!
THANKS TO THE "MUCHO MACHO SQUAD" HERE, I WAS-RESCUED!-(AND I USE THE TERM LOOSELY)
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SAL?

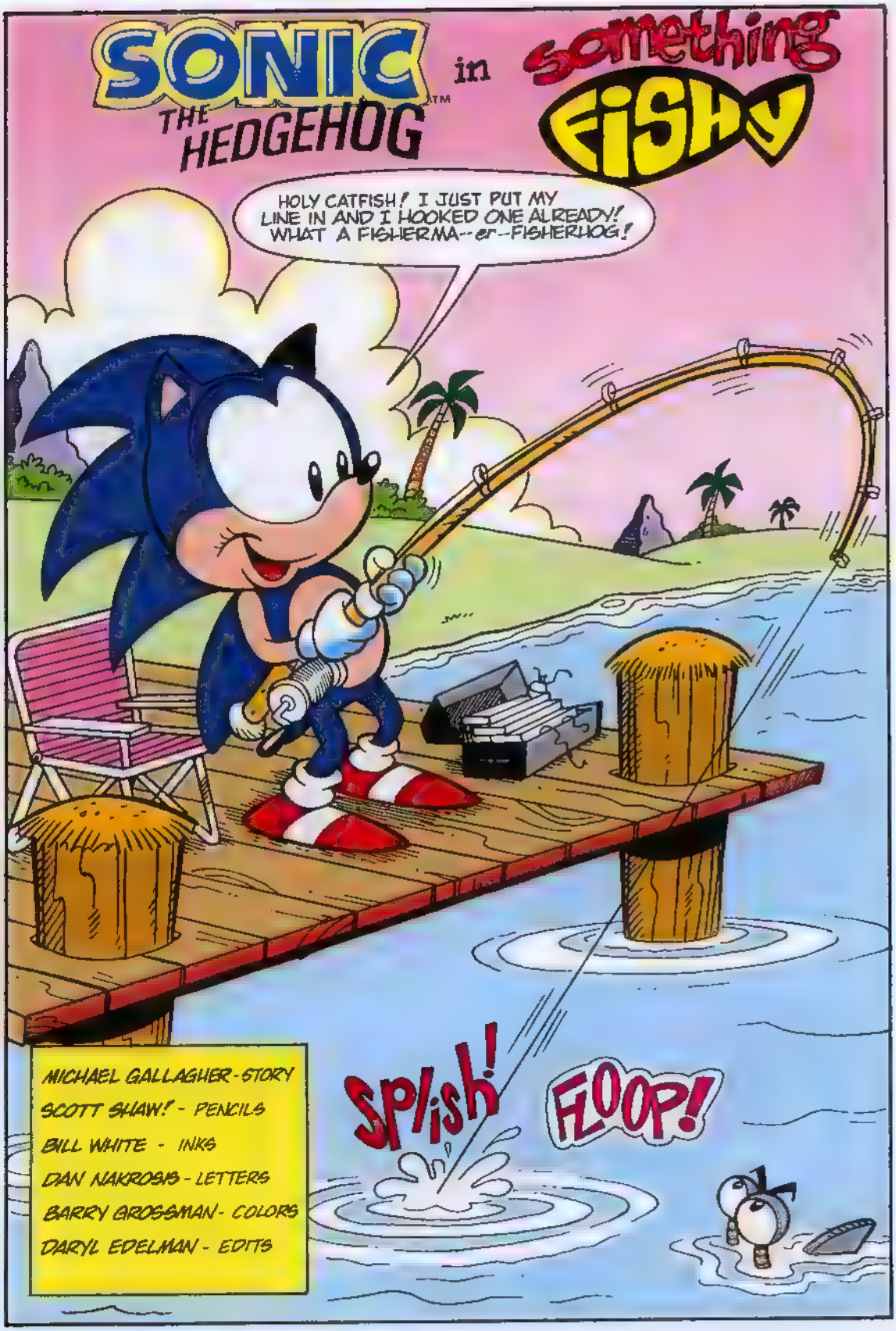
MY BOOT, YOU BOOB! TAKE A LOOK... WHAT DO YOU SEE?
UMMMM... "SIZE 5½?"
ZAP!


ARRGH!! TELL HIM, ROTOR!
I SPENT MONTHS DESIGNING THOSE BOOTS...
THEY HAVE HIDDEN CAMERAS, RECORDERS AND COMPUTERIZED JAMMING SENSORS IN THE SOLES!
UH
OH


SALLY WANTED TO BE PUT IN THE ROBO-MACHINE! THE BOOTS WOULD'VE ANALYZED THE MACHINE SO WE COULD REVERSE IT'S EFFECTS, GET IT?
ULP! THAT'S WHY HER PROCLAMATION TOLD US NOT TO INTERFERE...


NICE OF YOU TO NOTICE! WE COULD'VE FREED MY FATHER, YOUR UNCLE CHUCK, MUTTSKI AND EVERYONE ELSE ROBOTNIK'S TURNED INTO ROBOTS!... BUT
NOOOOO...


GEE WHIZ... WE WERE JUST TRYING TO HELP...
I THINK I'LL LEAVE THIS EPISODE OUT OF MY MEMOIRS...
SLAM!
ANTOINE
SORRY ABOUT THIS, ROTOR!
LIKE THEY SAY... "THE BEST LAID PLANS OF MICE AND... uh... HEDGEHOGS GO AWRY, SO, IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY AND TRY AGAIN!"
The End


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in something fishy
HOLY CATFISH! I JUST PUT MY LINE IN AND I HOOKED ONE ALREADY! WHAT A FISHERMA--er--FISHERHOG!
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SCOTT SHAW! - PENCILS
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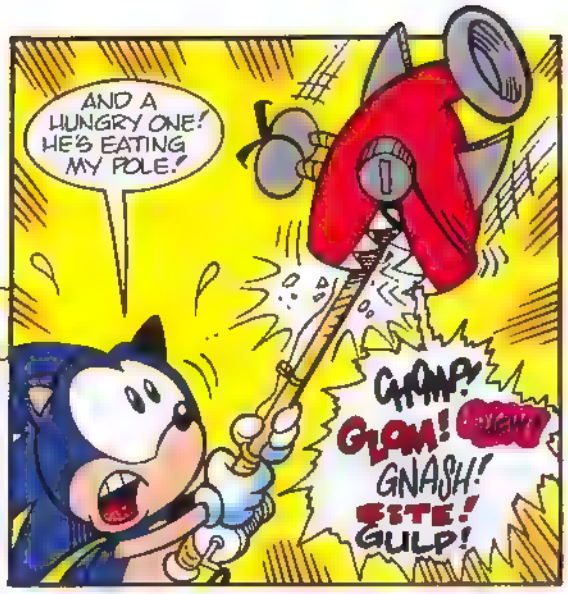
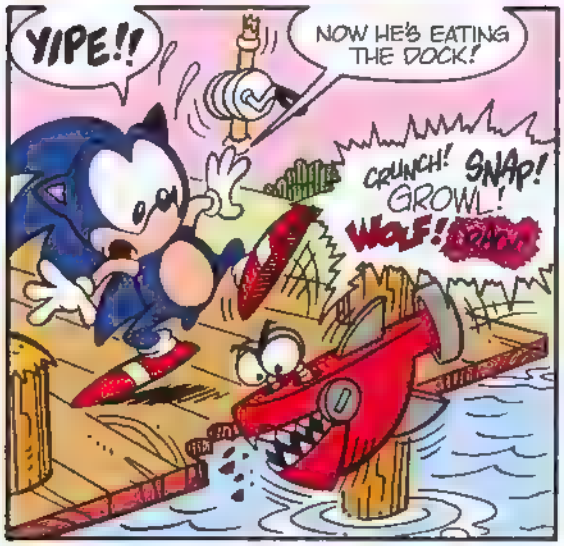
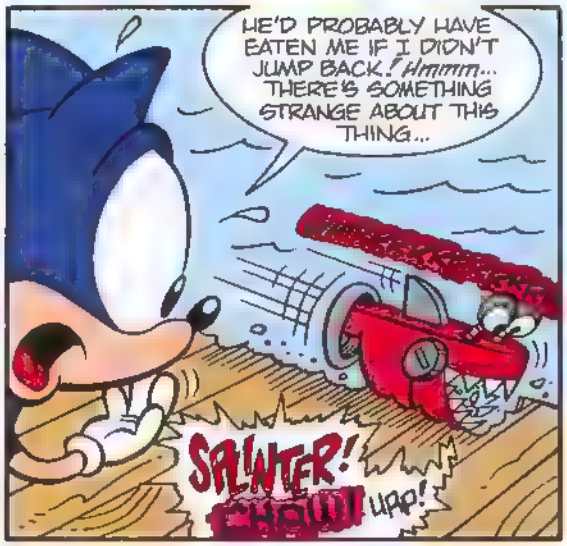
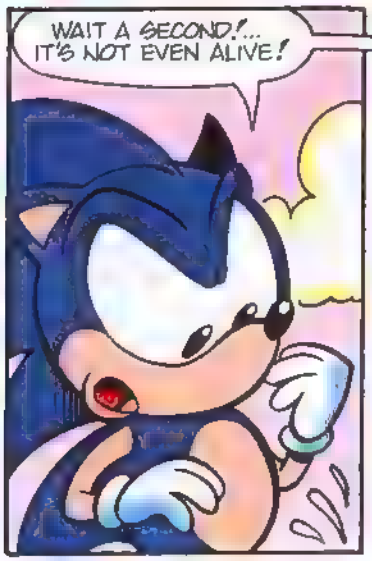
SPLISH!
FLOOP!

WOW! IT'S A BIG ONE!

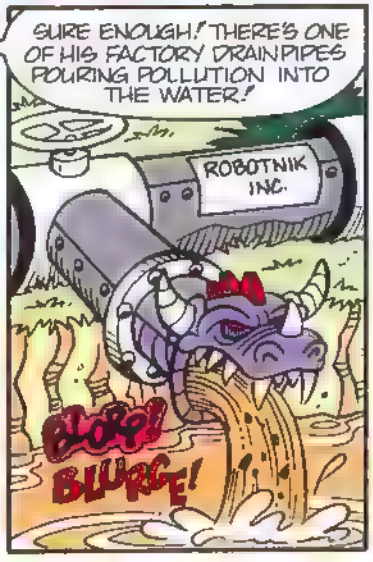

AND A HUNGRY ONE! HE'S EATING MY POLE!
GLOM!
GNASH!
GULP!

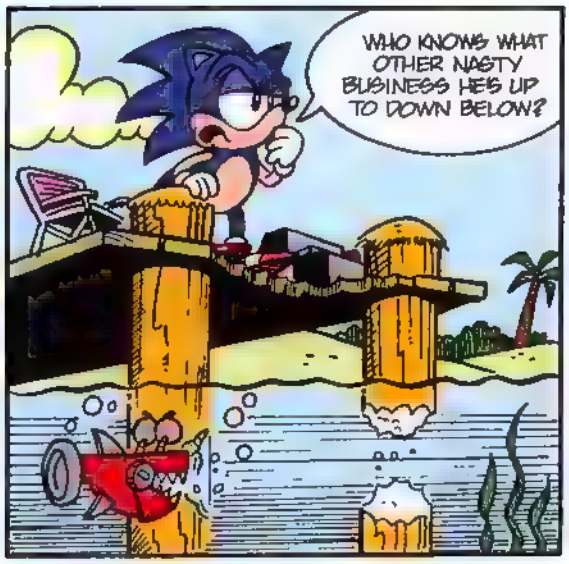

YIPE!!
NOW HE'S EATING THE DOCK!
CRUNCH!
SNAP!
GROWL!
WOLF!

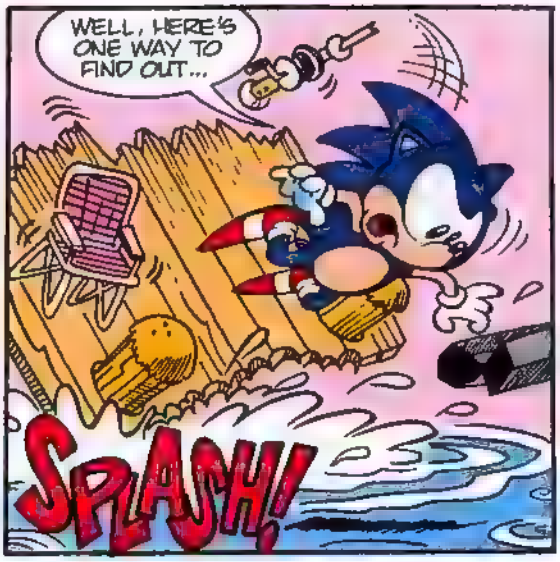

HE'D PROBABLY HAVE EATEN ME IF I DIDN'T JUMP BACK! Hmmm... THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS THING...
SPLATTER!
HIC!
UPP!


WAIT A SECOND!... IT'S NOT EVEN ALIVE!

IT'S A MECHANICAL FISH... AND THAT MEANS ONE THING. ROBOTNIK!


SURE ENOUGH! THERE'S ONE OF HIS FACTORY DRAINPIPES POURING POLLUTION INTO THE WATER!
ROBOTNIK INC.
BLORP!
BLURGE!





WHOA! THIS IS SOME KIND OF UNDERWATER SLUDGE SLIDE!

TWO SECONDS TO IMPACT!

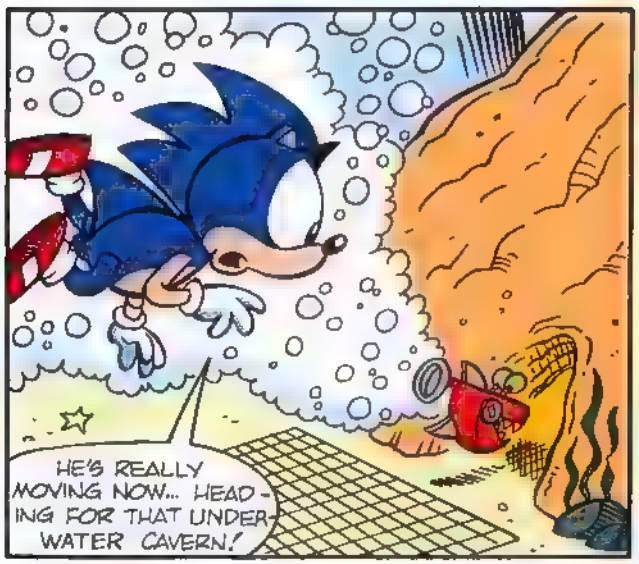
SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE AN ANCHOR, MAN!

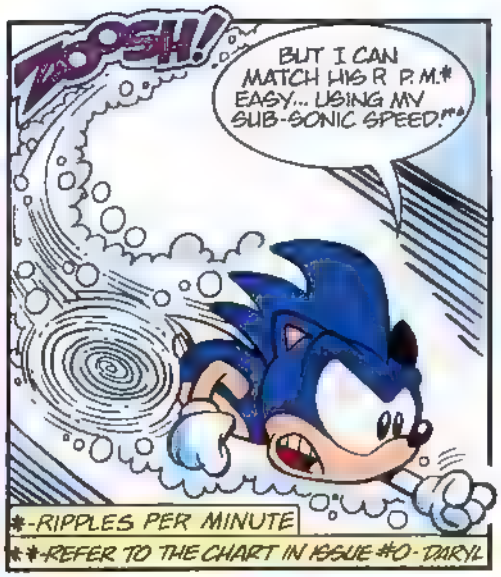
Th Wa ng!

THE HITS JUST KEEP ON COMING!

BLONK!

AHA! THERE'S THAT MOTORIZED MOBY DICK!


HE'S REALLY MOVING NOW... HEADING FOR THAT UNDERWATER CAVERN!


ZOOSH!
BUT I CAN MATCH HIS R.P.M.* EASY... USING MY SUB-SONIC SPEED!**
*-RIPPLES PER MINUTE
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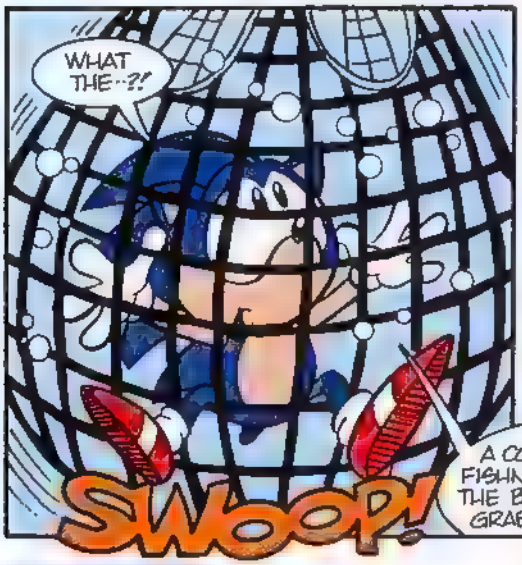
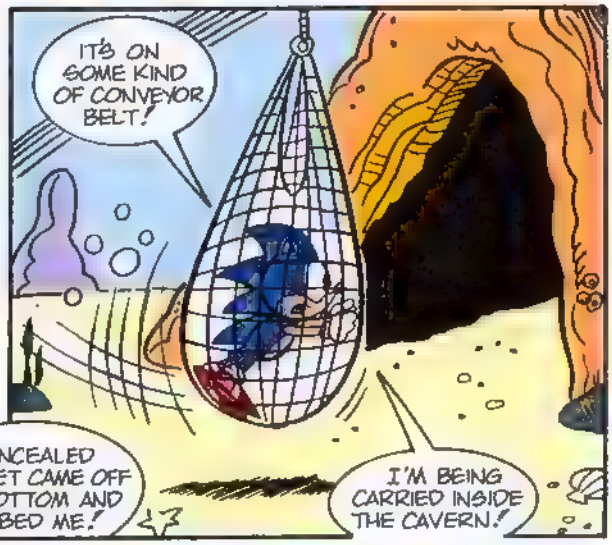
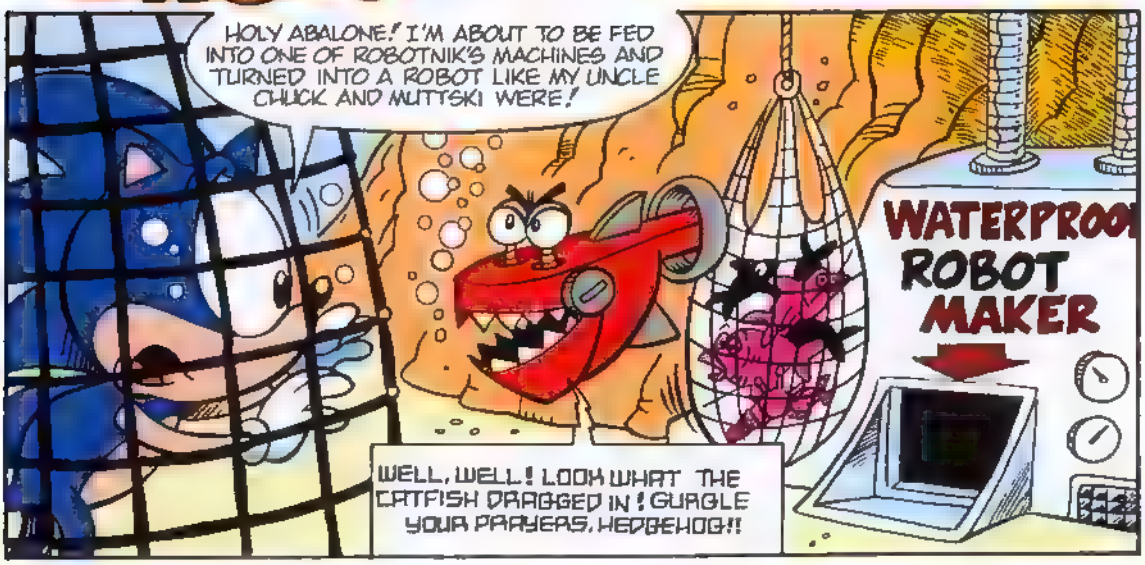
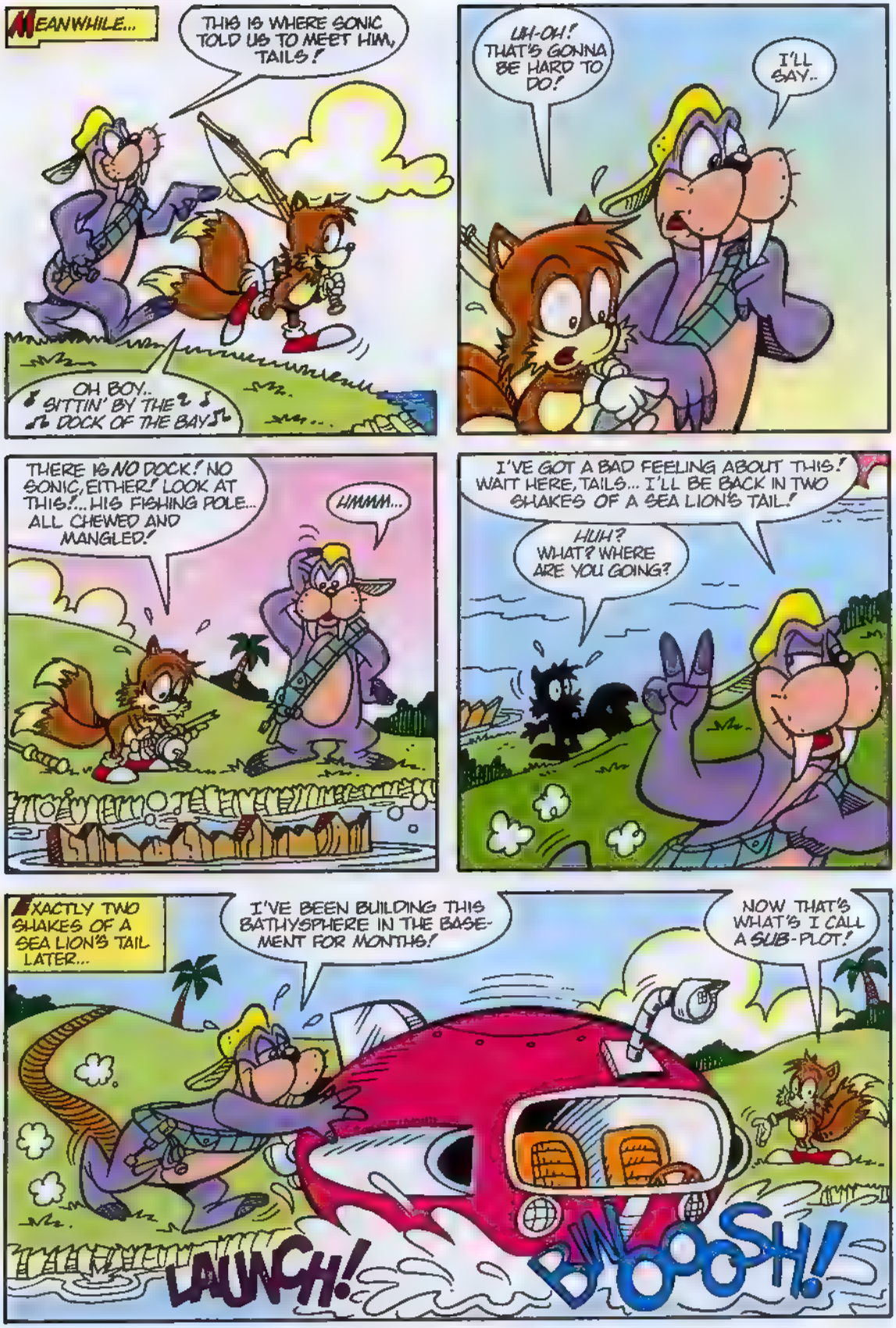
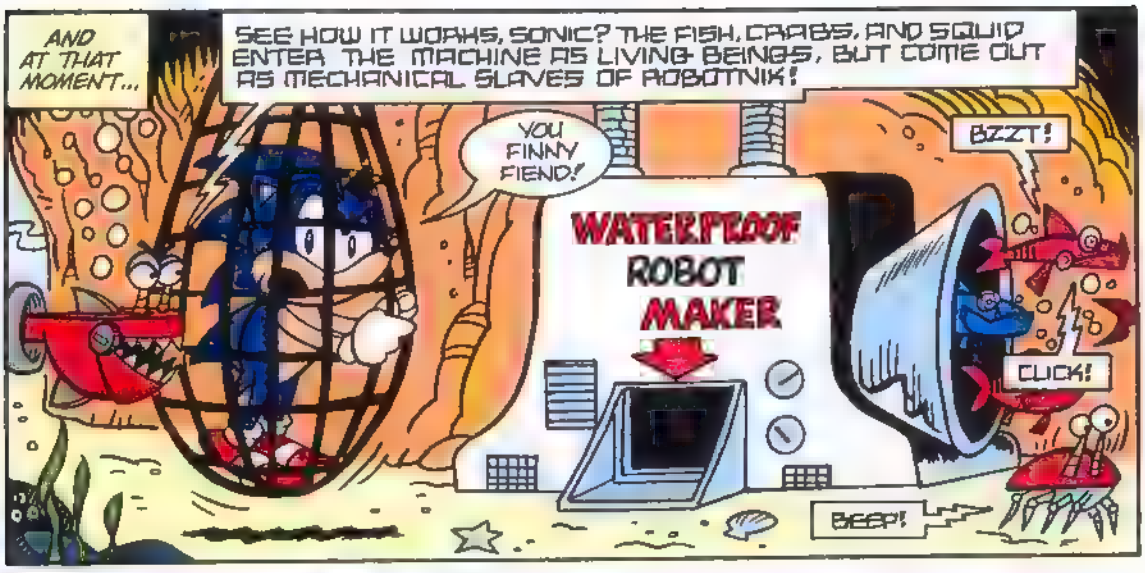
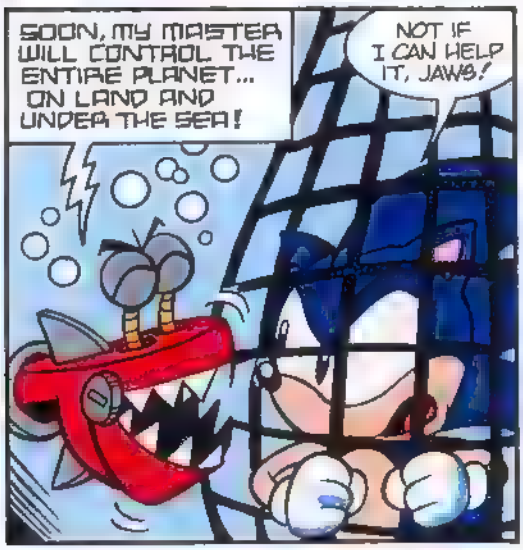

WHAT THE--?!
SWOOP!
A CONCEALED FISHNET CAME OFF THE BOTTOM AND GRABBED ME!

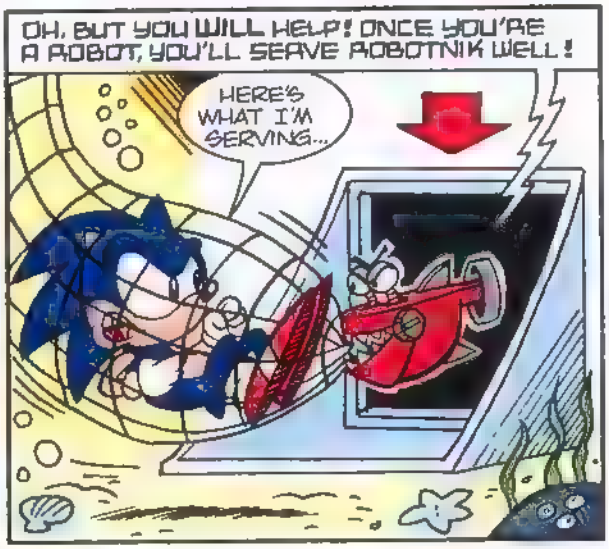

IT'S ON SOME KIND OF CONVEYOR BELT!
I'M BEING CARRIED INSIDE THE CAVERN!

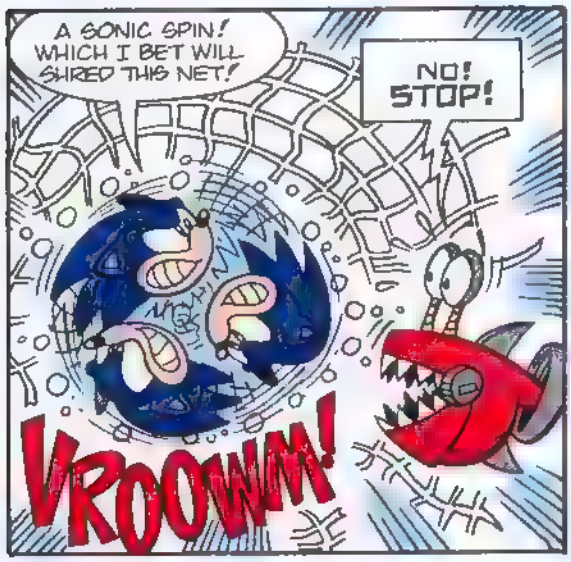

HOLY ABALONE! I'M ABOUT TO BE FED INTO ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S MACHINES AND TURNED INTO A ROBOT LIKE MY UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI WERE!
WATERPROOF ROBOT MAKER
WELL, WELL! LOOK WHAT THE CATFISH DRAGGED IN! GURGLE YOUR PRAYERS, HEDGEHOG!!

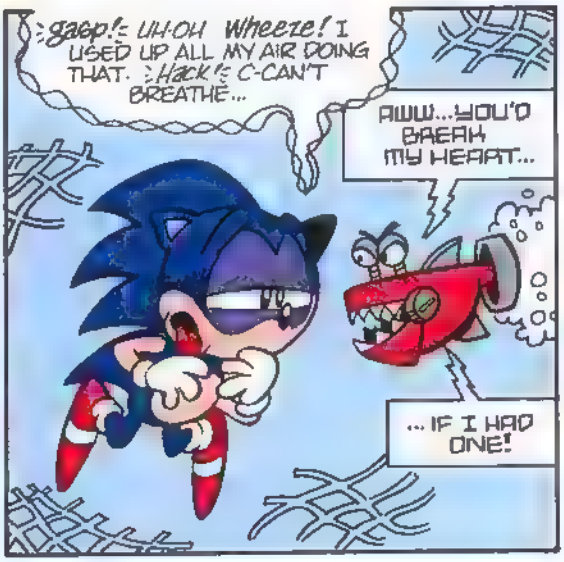

MEANWHILE...
THIS IS WHERE SONIC TOLD US TO MEET HIM, TAILS!
OH BOY.. SITTIN' BY THE DOCK OF THE BAY
UH-OH! THAT'S GONNA BE HARD TO DO!
I'LL SAY..
THERE IS NO DOCK! NO SONIC, EITHER! LOOK AT THIS!... HIS FISHING POLE... ALL CHEWED AND MANGLED!
HMMM...
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS! WAIT HERE, TAILS... I'LL BE BACK IN TWO SHAKES OF A SEA LION'S TAIL!
HUH? WHAT? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
EXACTLY TWO SHAKES OF A SEA LION'S TAIL LATER...
I'VE BEEN BUILDING THIS BATHYSPHERE IN THE BASEMENT FOR MONTHS!
NOW THAT'S WHAT'S I CALL A SUB-PLOT!
LAUNCH!
BWOOSH!


AND AT THAT MOMENT...
SEE HOW IT WORKS, SONIC? THE FISH, CRABS, AND SQUID ENTER THE MACHINE AS LIVING BEINGS, BUT COME OUT AS MECHANICAL SLAVES OF ROBOTNIK!
YOU FINNY FIEND!
WATERPROOF ROBOT MAKER
BZZT!
CLICK!
BEEP!


SOON, MY MASTER WILL CONTROL THE ENTIRE PLANET... ON LAND AND UNDER THE SEA!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, JAWS!

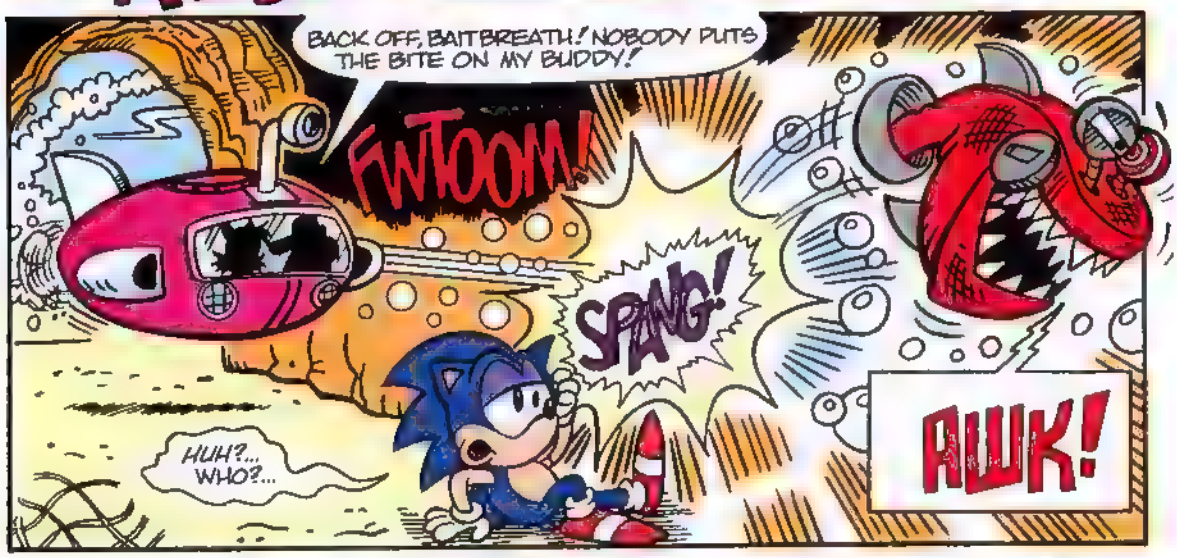

OH, BUT YOU WILL HELP! ONCE YOU'RE A ROBOT, YOU'LL SERVE ROBOTNIK WELL!
HERE'S WHAT I'M SERVING...

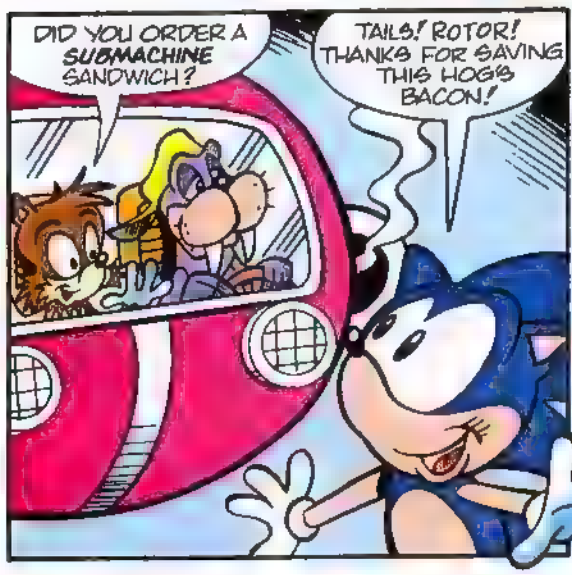

A SONIC SPIN! WHICH I BET WILL SHRED THIS NET!
NO! STOP!
VROOWM!

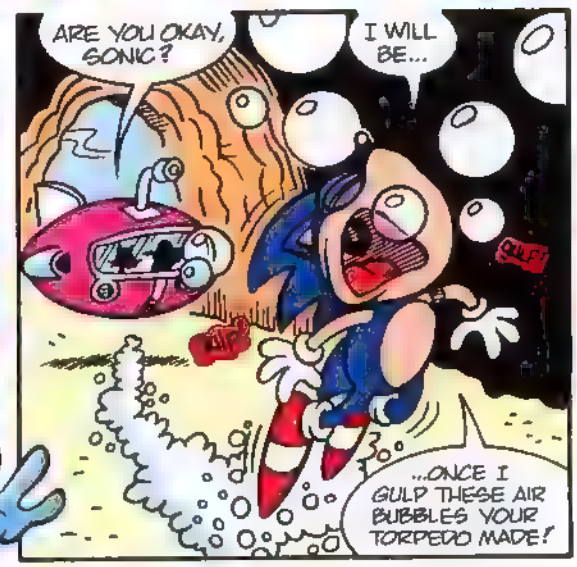

:gasp!: UH-OH Wheeze! I USED UP ALL MY AIR DOING THAT. :Hack!: C-CAN'T BREATHE...
AWW...YOU'D BREAK MY HEART...
...IF I HAD ONE!

:choke!: ALL I NEED... HUFF-PUFF... IS A BIG AIR BUBBLE... --gurgle!!--
GOT SOMETHING CAUGHT IN YOUR THROAT?
THUD!

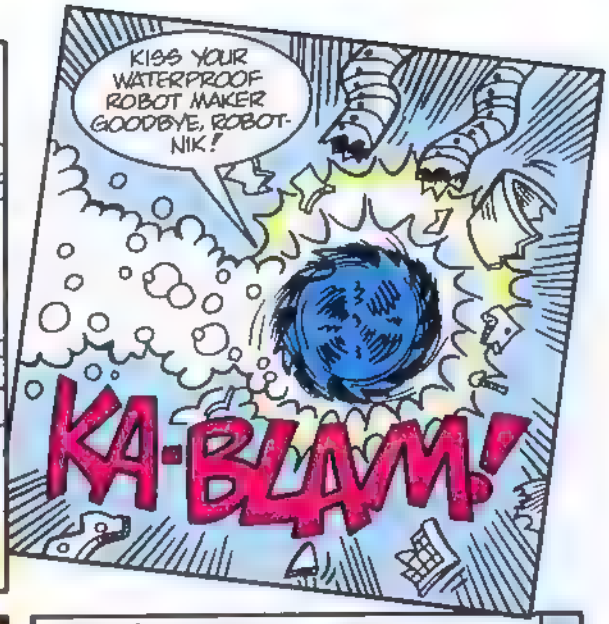
HERE... LET ME EXAMINE IT... UP CLOSE!
:ACK...:


BACK OFF, BAITBREATH! NOBODY PUTS THE BITE ON MY BUDDY!
FWTOOM!
SPANG!
HUH?... WHO?...
AWK!


DID YOU ORDER A SUBMACHINE SANDWICH?
TAILS! ROTOR! THANKS FOR SAVING THIS HOG'S BACON!


ARE YOU OKAY, SONIC?
I WILL BE...
GULP!
...ONCE I GULP THESE AIR BUBBLES YOUR TORPEDO MADE!

NOW STAND BACK, BOYS!
YEE-HA! LOOK AT THAT SONIC SPIN!
VA-VA-
VROOOM!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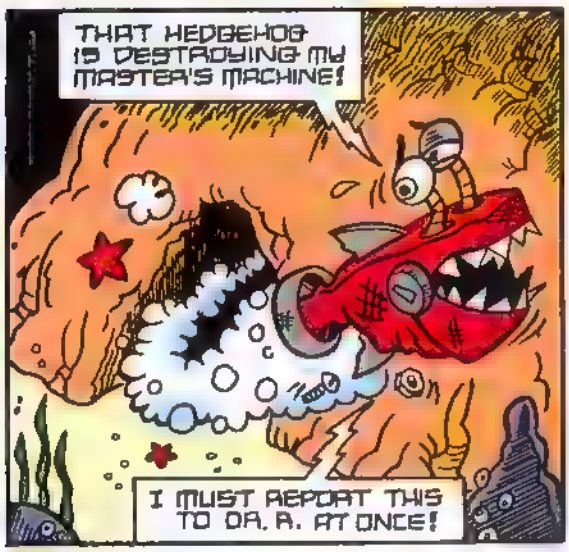
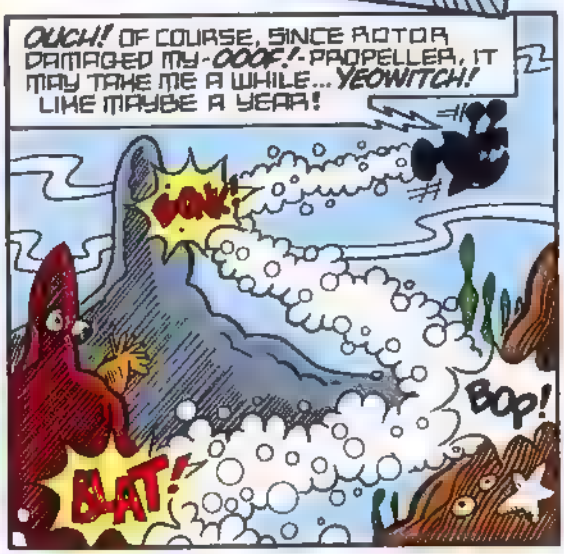
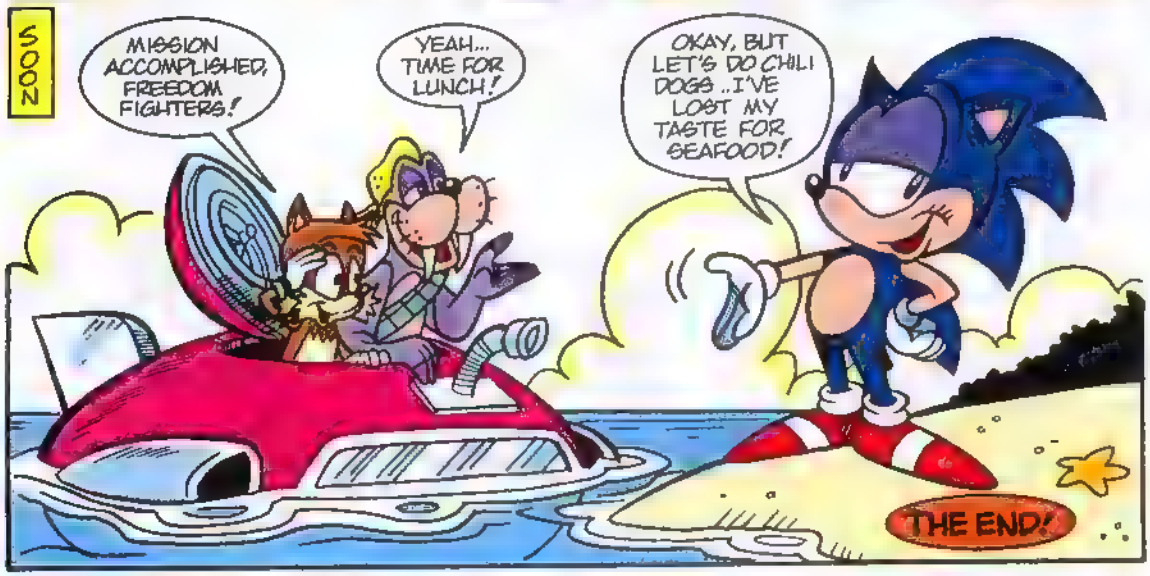
KA-BLAM!


THAT HEDGEHOG IS DESTROYING MY MASTER'S MACHINE!
I MUST REPORT THIS TO DR. R. AT ONCE!


OUCH! OF COURSE, SINCE ROTOR DAMAGED MY-OOOF!-PROPELLER, IT MAY TAKE ME A WHILE... YEOWITCH! LIKE MAYBE A YEAR!
BAK!
BOP!
BLAT!


SOON
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
YEAH... TIME FOR LUNCH!
OKAY, BUT LET'S DO CHILI DOGS ..I'VE LOST MY TASTE FOR SEAFOOD!
THE END!

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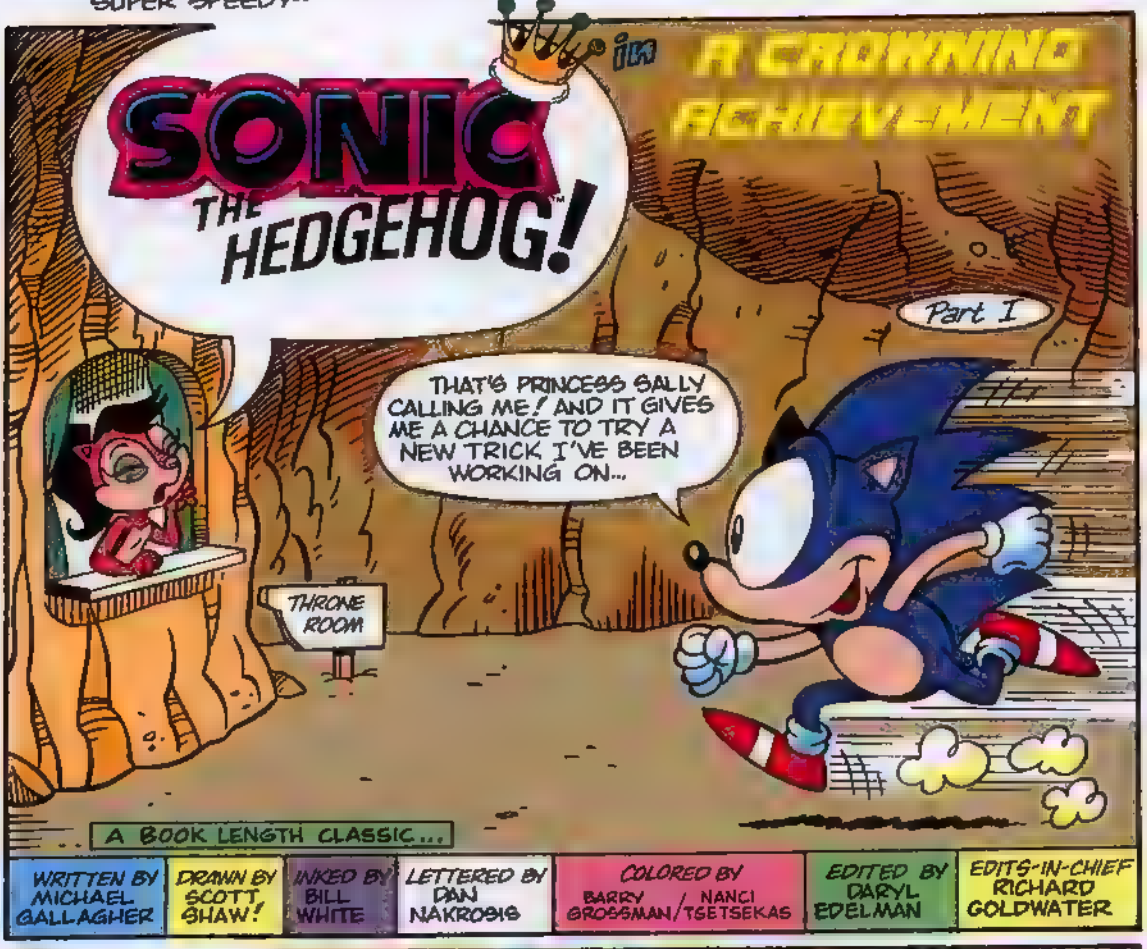
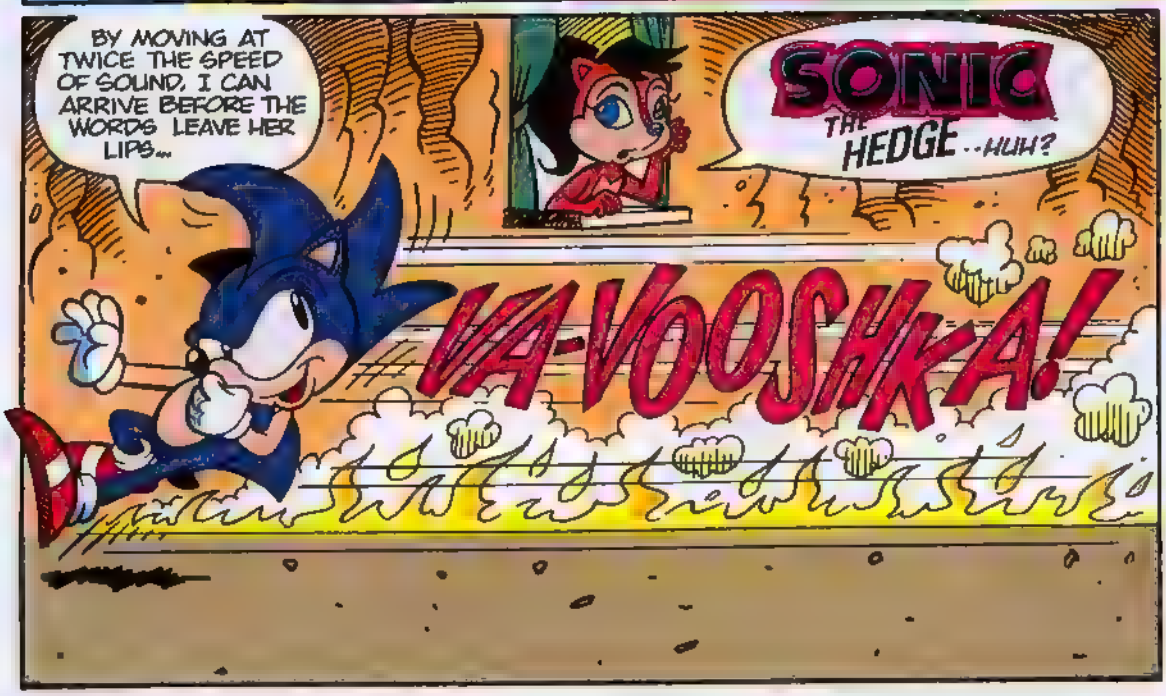
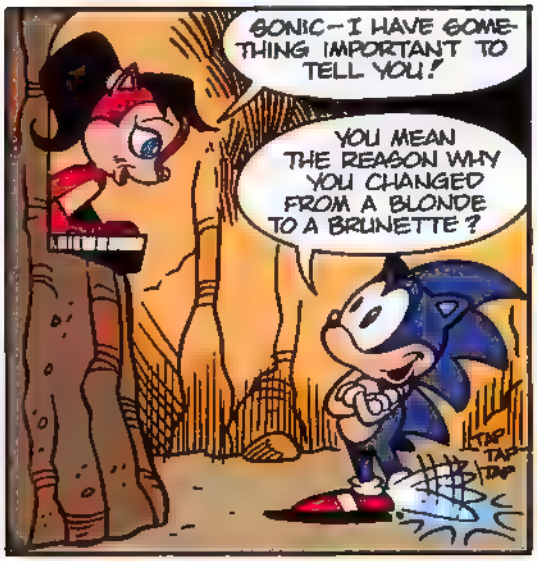
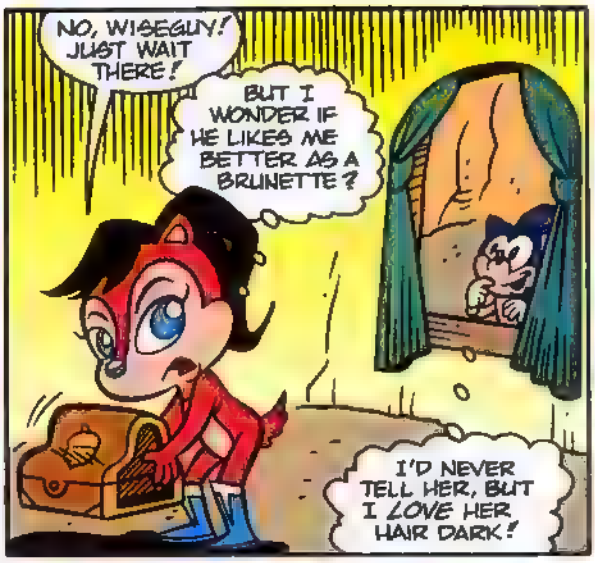
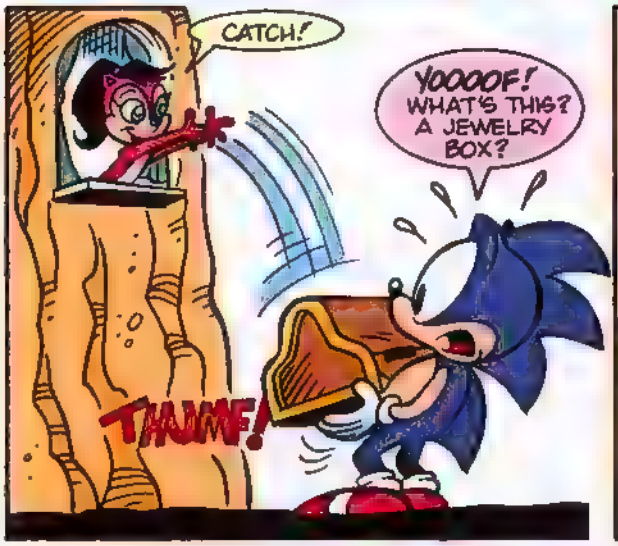
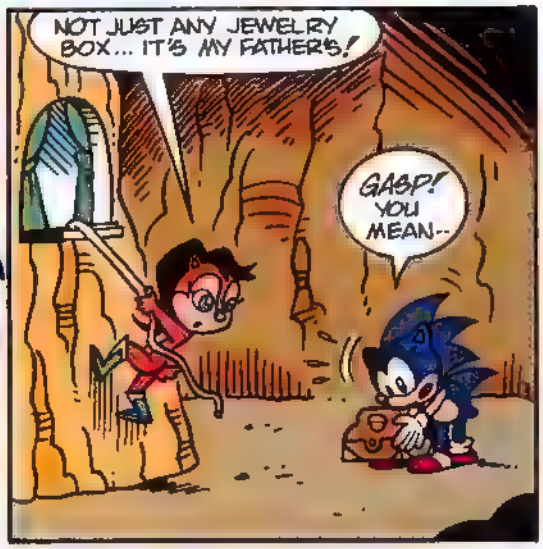


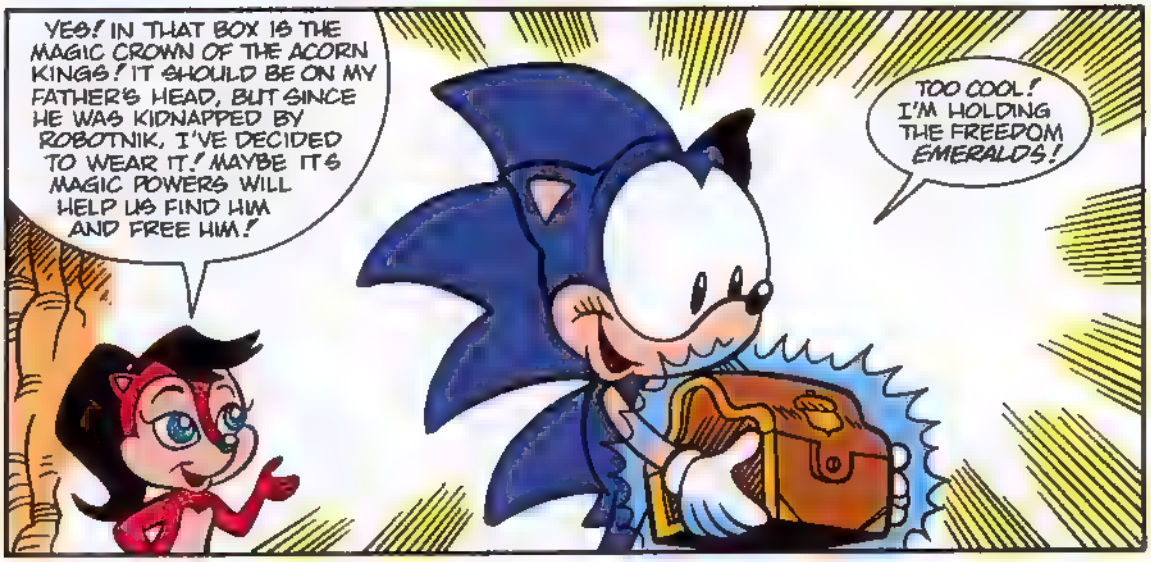



SONIC—I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU!
YOU MEAN THE REASON WHY YOU CHANGED FROM A BLONDE TO A BRUNETTE?
TAP TAP TAP


NO, WISEGUY! JUST WAIT THERE!
BUT I WONDER IF HE LIKES ME BETTER AS A BRUNETTE?
I'D NEVER TELL HER, BUT I LOVE HER HAIR DARK!


CATCH!
YOOOOF! WHAT'S THIS? A JEWELRY BOX?
THUMP!


NOT JUST ANY JEWELRY BOX... IT'S MY FATHER'S!
GASP! YOU MEAN--


YES! IN THAT BOX IS THE MAGIC CROWN OF THE ACORN KINGS! IT SHOULD BE ON MY FATHER'S HEAD, BUT SINCE HE WAS KIDNAPPED BY ROBOTNIK, I'VE DECIDED TO WEAR IT! MAYBE ITS MAGIC POWERS WILL HELP US FIND HIM AND FREE HIM!
TOO COOL! I'M HOLDING THE FREEDOM EMERALDS!

YES, THE FOUR FREEDOM EMERALDS! THE MYSTICAL GEMS THAT SIT ATOP THE CROWN! THEIR POWER IS AWESOME!

I'LL SAY! THE FREEDOM EMERALD'S MAGIC IS WHAT KEEPS ROBOTNIK'S REIGN OF TERROR AT BAY!

ACORN

GEE... IMAGINE IF THEY FELL INTO THE WRONG HANDS!

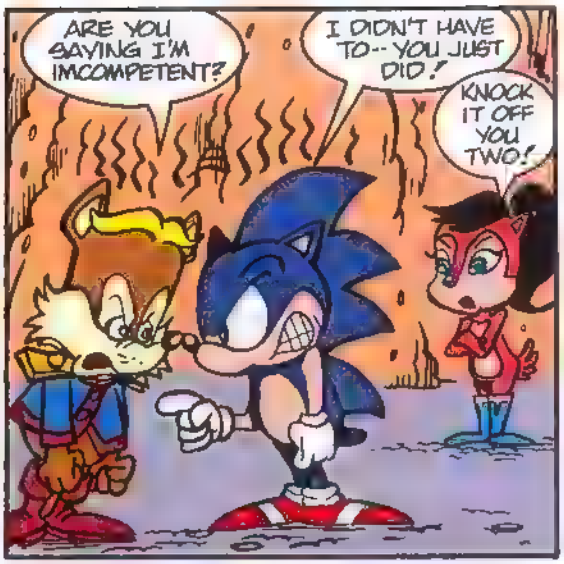
DON'T WORRY... ANTOINE D'COOLETTE'S ROYAL GUARD KEEPS A CONSTANT WATCH ON THEM!

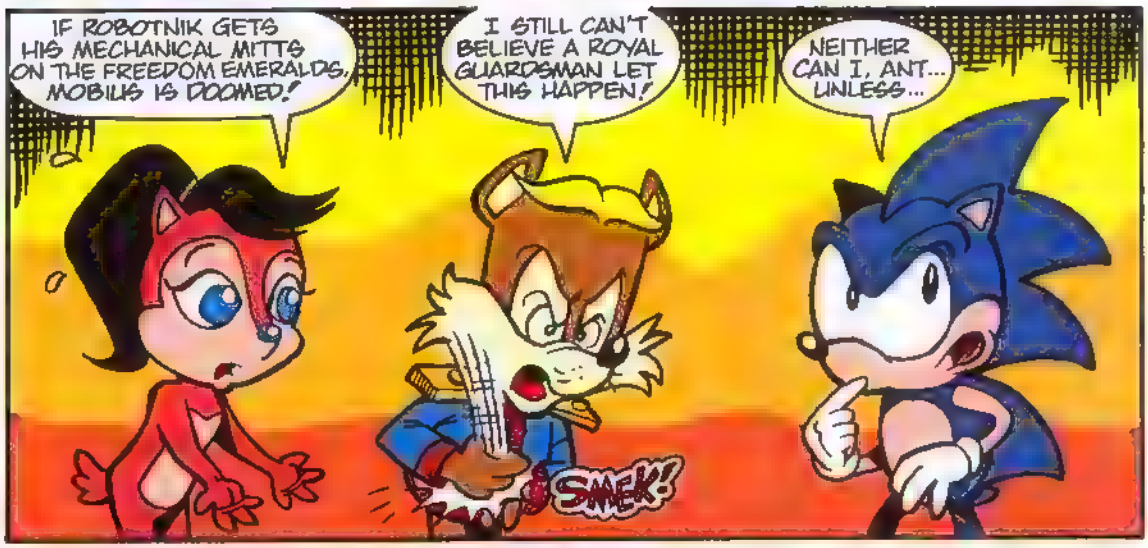
HA-TEN-HUT!

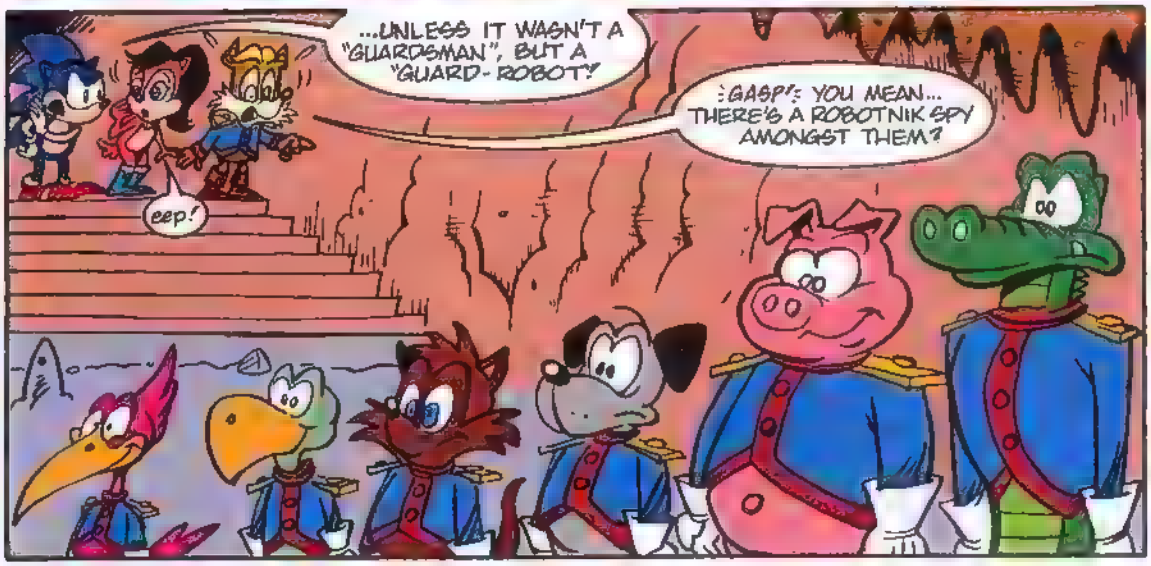
OKAY, I'M READY FOR THE CORONATION... CROWN ME, SONIC!

THE BOX... IT'S EMPTY! THE CROWN... IT'S GONE!

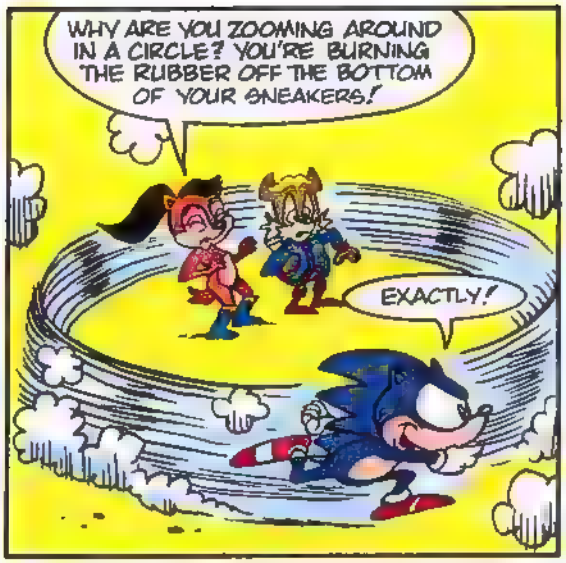
GONE? OH NO!
IMPOSSIBLE! I PERSONALLY TRAINED EACH ONE OF THE ROYAL GUARDS!
THAT EXPLAINS A LOT...

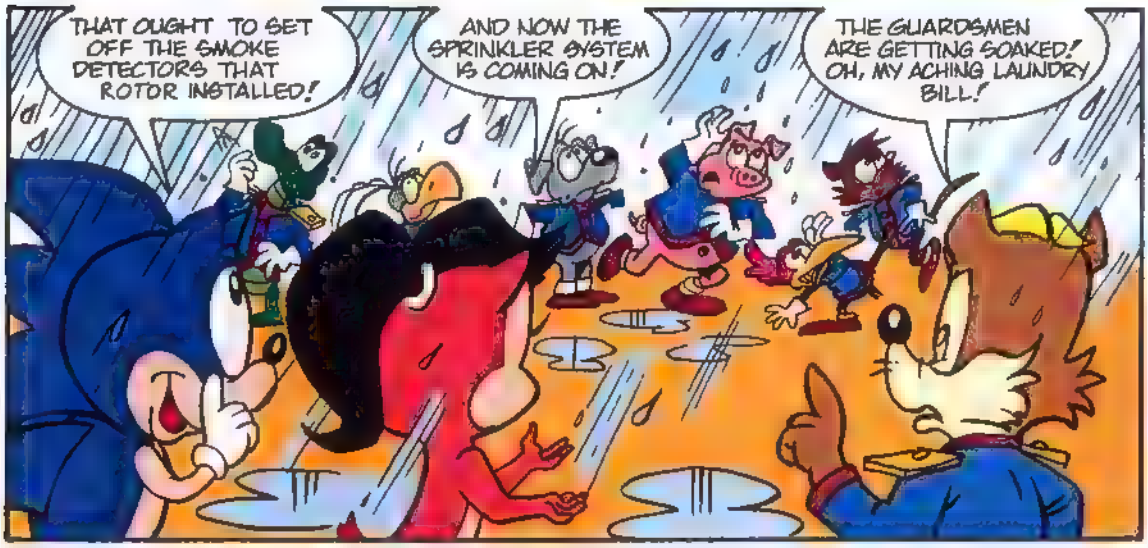

ARE YOU SAYING I'M INCOMPETENT?
I DIDN'T HAVE TO-- YOU JUST DID!
KNOCK IT OFF YOU TWO!

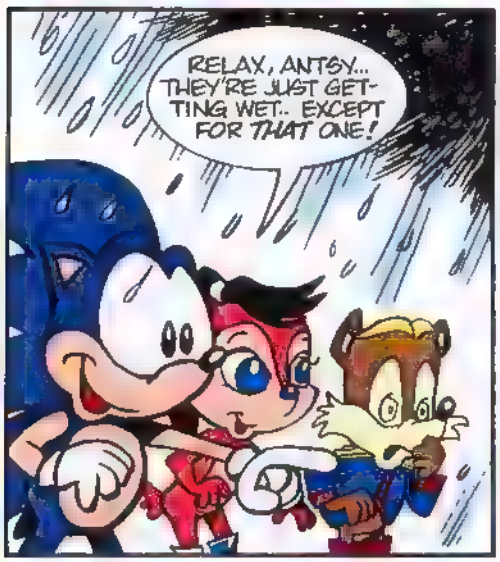

IF ROBOTNIK GETS HIS MECHANICAL MITTS ON THE FREEDOM EMERALDS, MOBIUS IS DOOMED!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE A ROYAL GUARDSMAN LET THIS HAPPEN!
NEITHER CAN I, ANT... UNLESS...
SMEK!

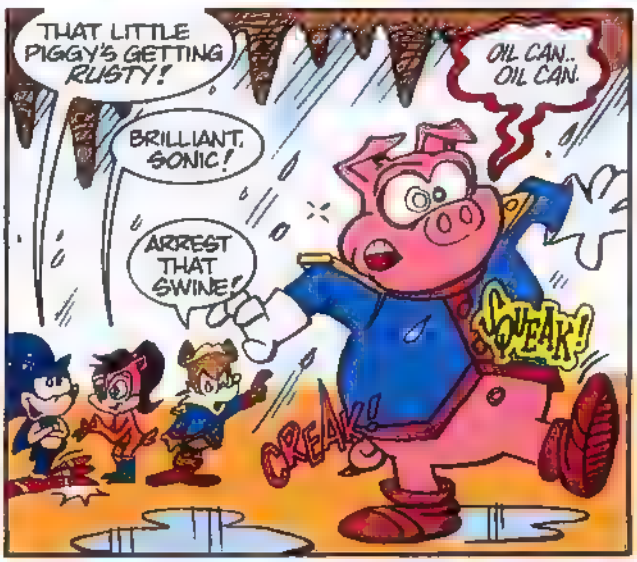

...UNLESS IT WASN'T A "GUARDSMAN", BUT A "GUARD-ROBOT?"
:GASP!: YOU MEAN... THERE'S A ROBOTNIK SPY AMONGST THEM?
eep!

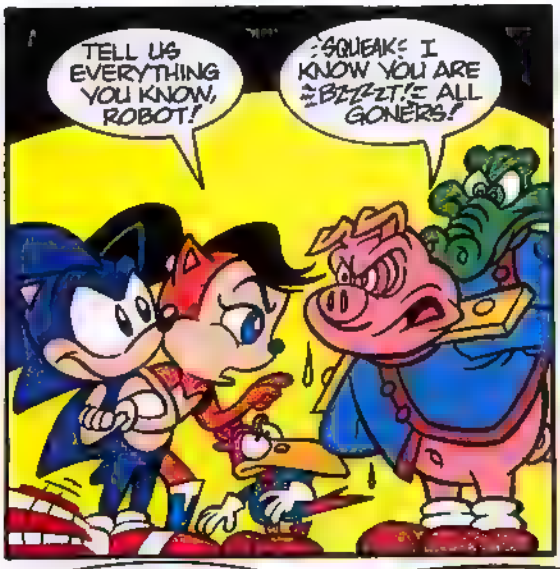
THERE'S ONE WAY TO FIND OUT...
SONIC... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHIRRRRR
SHOWING OFF AS USUAL!


WHY ARE YOU ZOOMING AROUND IN A CIRCLE? YOU'RE BURNING THE RUBBER OFF THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SNEAKERS!
EXACTLY!


THAT OUGHT TO SET OFF THE SMOKE DETECTORS THAT ROTOR INSTALLED!
AND NOW THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM IS COMING ON!
THE GUARDSMEN ARE GETTING SOAKED! OH, MY ACHING LAUNDRY BILL!


RELAX, ANTSY... THEY'RE JUST GETTING WET.. EXCEPT FOR THAT ONE!


THAT LITTLE PIGGY'S GETTING RUSTY!
OIL CAN.. OIL CAN.
BRILLIANT, SONIC!
ARREST THAT SWINE!
SQUEAK!
CREAK!



AND NOW, THANKS TO THIS TURNCOAT, ROBOTNIK KNOWS WHERE KNOTHOLE IS!

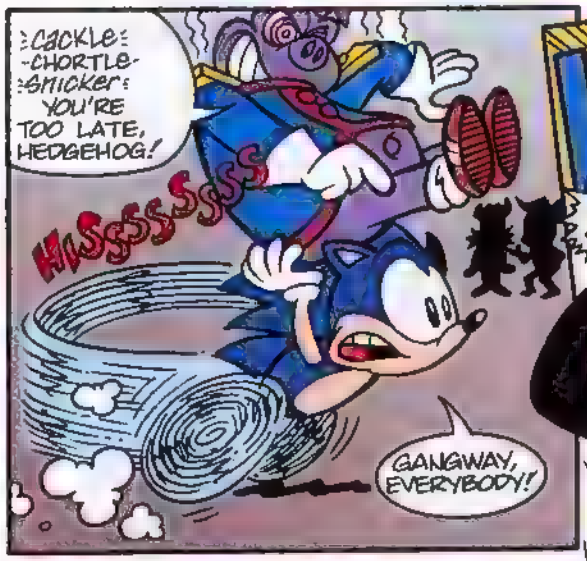
NOT TO WORRY, MON CAPITAN! IT WON'T BE HERE MUCH LONGER!

HISSSSSS

HE LOOKS ANGRY ENOUGH TO EXPLODE!

:KOFF:

THAT'S JUST WHAT HE'S GONNA DO! THE ROBOT'S INITIATED HIS SELF-DESTRUCT MECHANISM!



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

in A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

Part II

IS DEAD! SOB! AND I NEVER GOT TO TELL HIM THAT HUCK I LUH-- LUH-- LOVED--

PRINCESS SALLY-- LOOK!

HUSH, ANT! LET HER FINISH WHAT SHE'S SAYING!

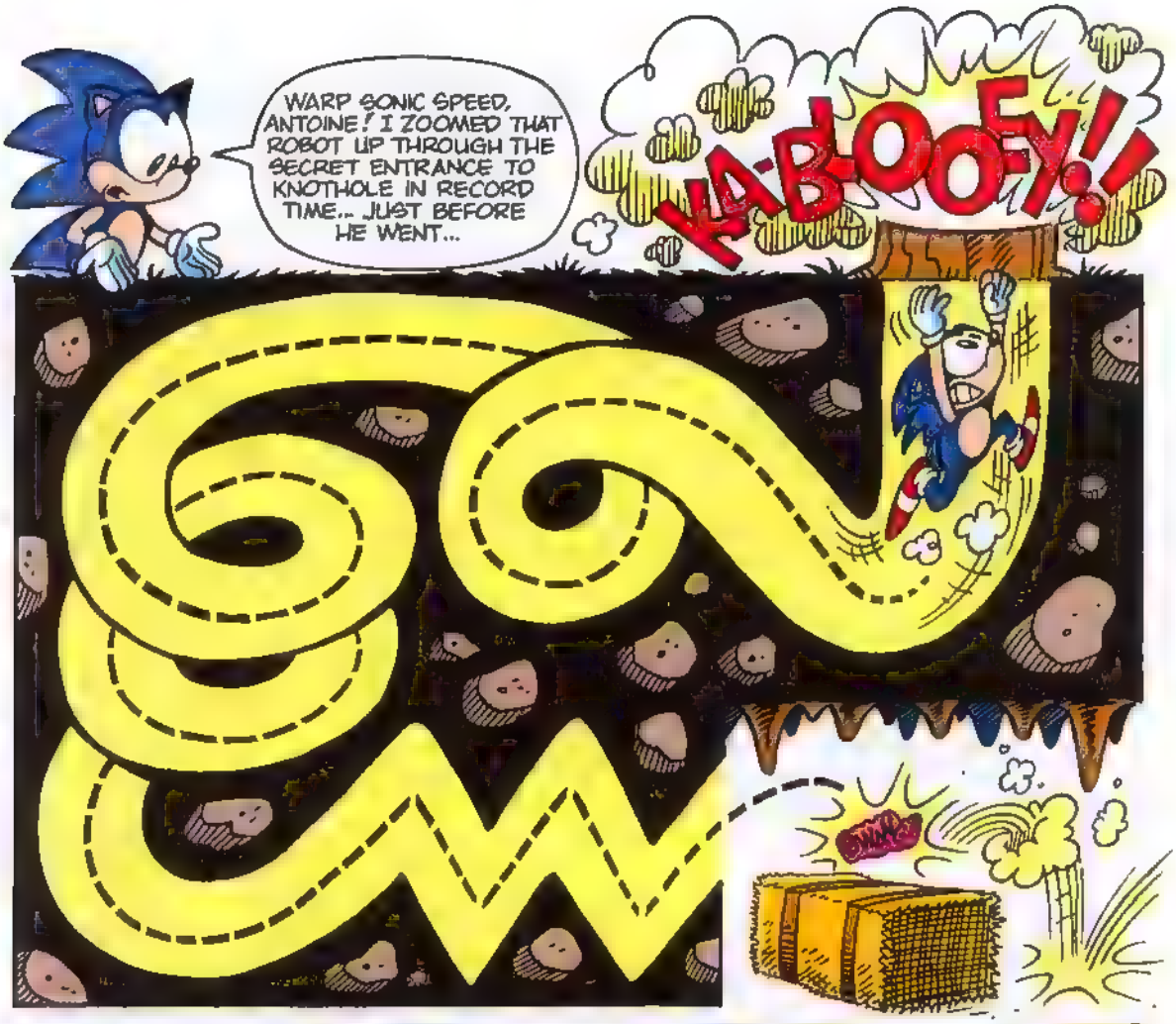
GALLAGHER/SHAW!/WHITE

HUH? WHO--SONIC! YOU'RE OKAY! I--UH--I WAS JUST SAYING HOW I--ER--- LOVED YOUR RECIPE FOR PUMPKIN PIE!

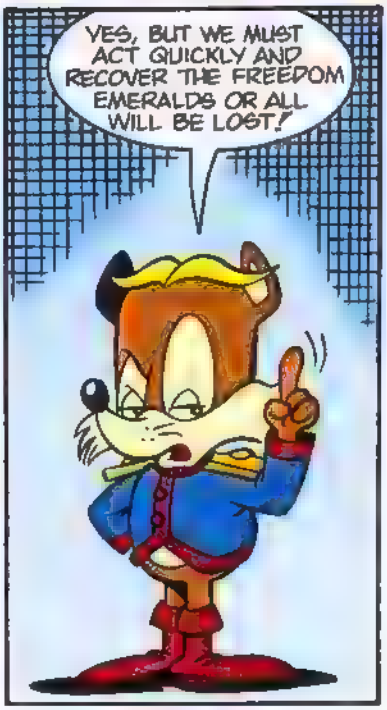
TAP TAP TAP

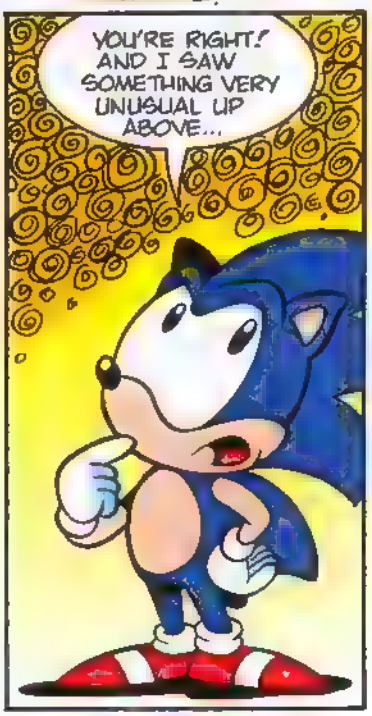
mmm-hmmm!

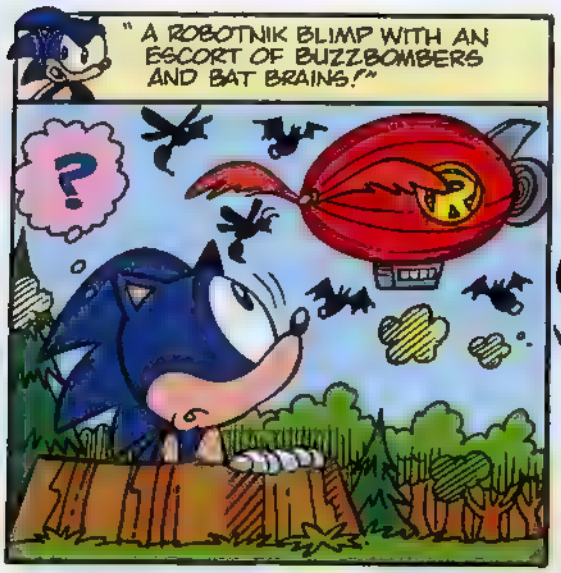
NEVER MIND THAT! HOW DID YOU AVOID GETTING BLOWN UP?


WARP SONIC SPEED, ANTOINE! I ZOOMED THAT ROBOT UP THROUGH THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO KNOTHOLE IN RECORD TIME... JUST BEFORE HE WENT...
KA-BOOEY!!

GOOD WORK, SONIC! YOU SAVED THE VILLAGE! OUR FIGHT AGAINST ROBOTNIK CAN CONTINUE!


YES, BUT WE MUST ACT QUICKLY AND RECOVER THE FREEDOM EMERALDS OR ALL WILL BE LOST!

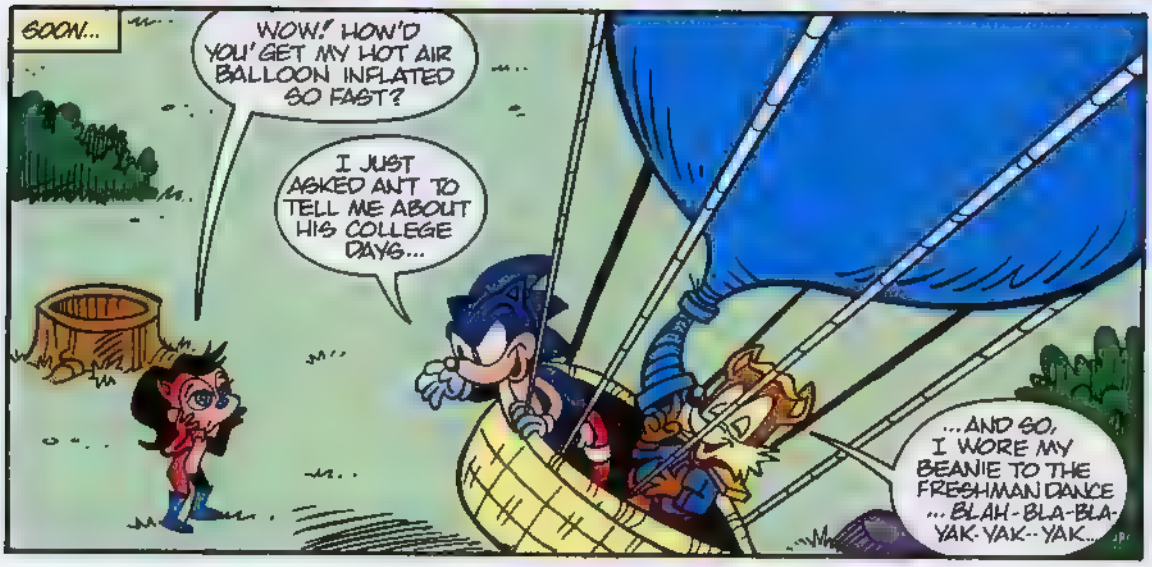

YOU'RE RIGHT! AND I SAW SOMETHING VERY UNUSUAL UP ABOVE...

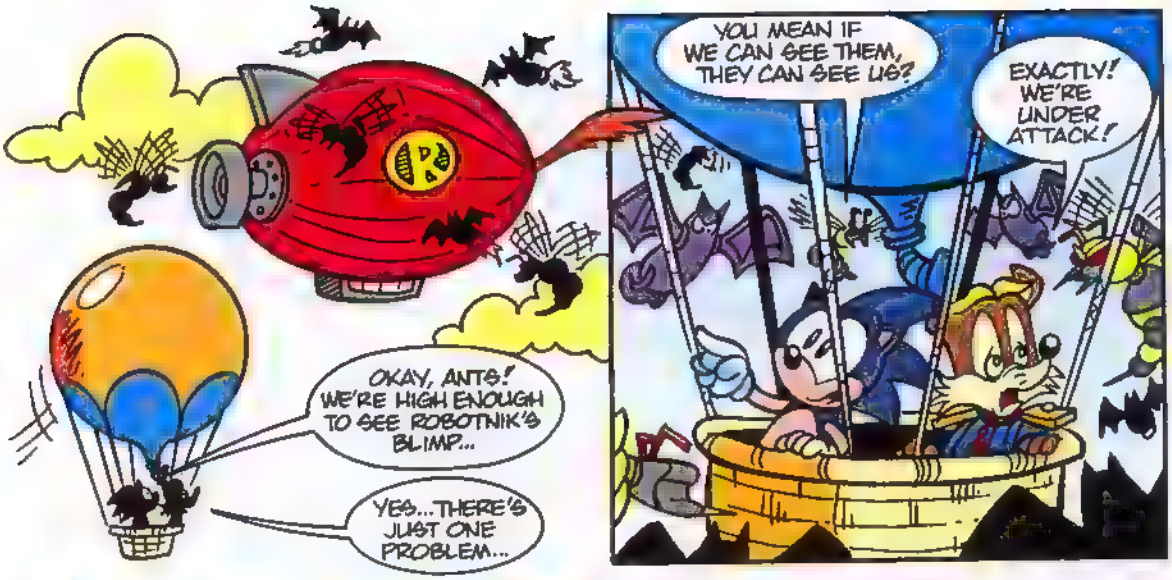

" A ROBOTNIK BLIMP WITH AN ESCORT OF BUZZBOMBERS AND BAT BRAINS!"
?

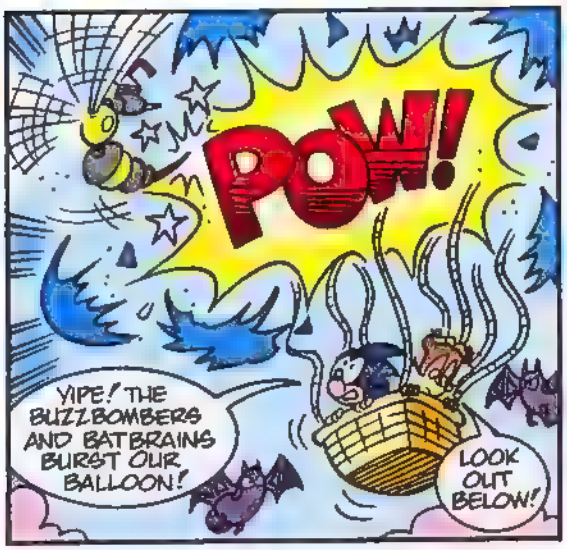
THAT'S IT! ROBOTNIK MUST BE TAKING THE EMERALDS TO A SECRET LOCATION!
THIS IS A JOB FOR THE BRAVEST FREEDOM FIGHTER OF ALL!
RIGHT! STAND BACK...
WHOOOOSH...

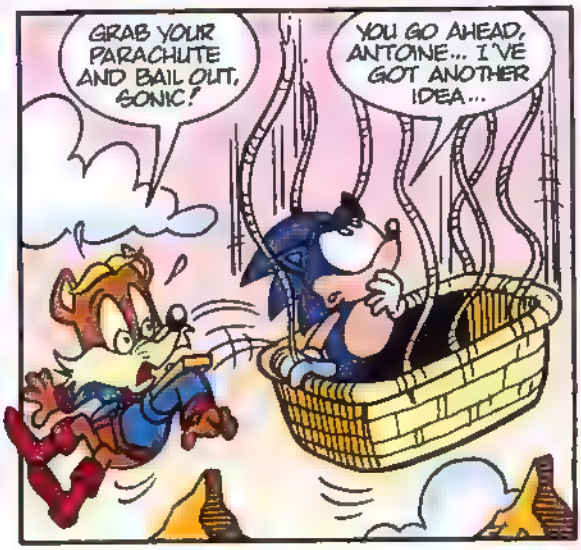
WRONG! THIS IS A JOB FOR BOTH OF YOU TOGETHER!
WHAT?

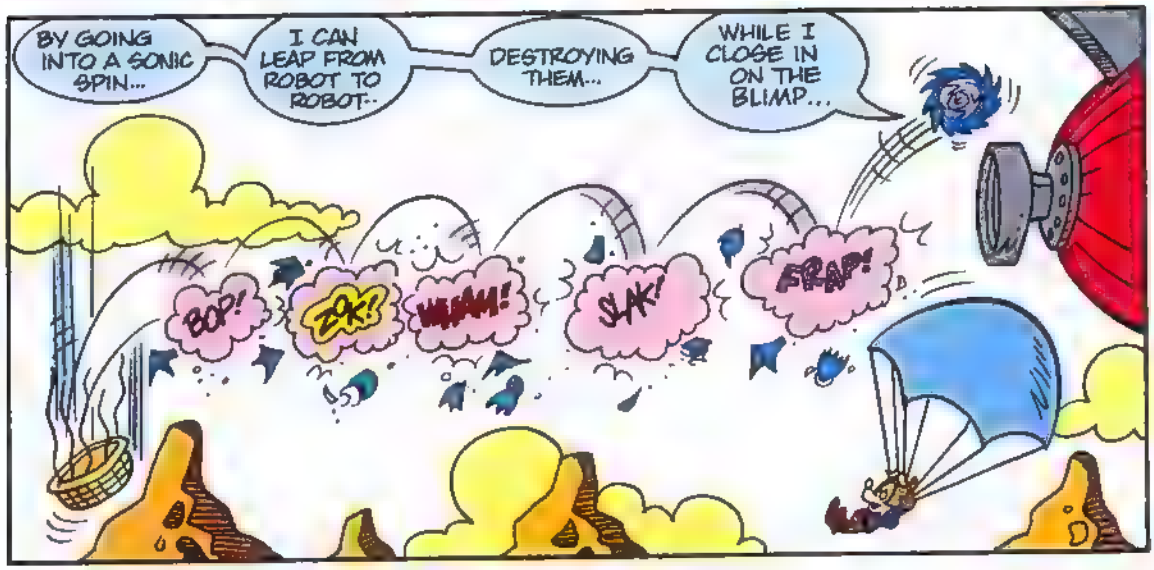
THIS MISSION IS TOO DANGEROUS AND IMPORTANT FOR ONE! AS COMMANDER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, I'M ORDERING YOU TWO TO CO-OPERATE, GOT IT?
:grumble: YES, YOUR HIGHNESS! :growl:
TAP TAP TAP

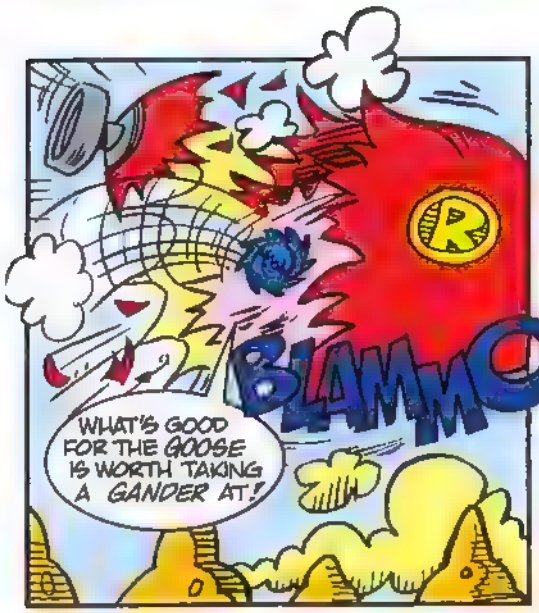

SOON...
WOW! HOW'D YOU GET MY HOT AIR BALLOON INFLATED SO FAST?
I JUST ASKED ANT TO TELL ME ABOUT HIS COLLEGE DAYS...
...AND SO, I WORE MY BEANIE TO THE FRESHMAN DANCE ...BLAH-BLA-BLA-YAK-YAK--YAK...

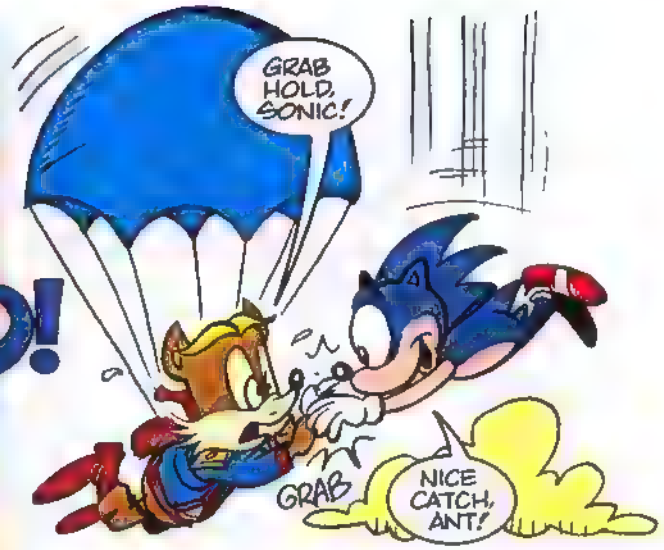

OKAY, ANTS! WE'RE HIGH ENOUGH TO SEE ROBOTNIK'S BLIMP...
YES...THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM...
YOU MEAN IF WE CAN SEE THEM, THEY CAN SEE US?
EXACTLY! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!


POW!
YIPE! THE BUZZBOMBERS AND BATBRAINS BURST OUR BALLOON!
LOOK OUT BELOW!

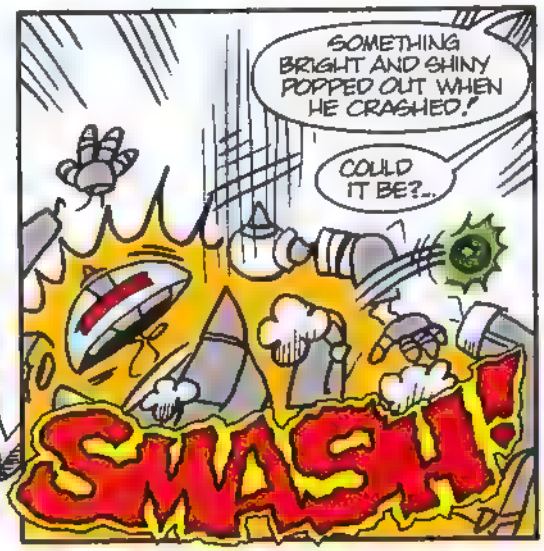

GRAB YOUR PARACHUTE AND BAIL OUT, SONIC!
YOU GO AHEAD, ANTOINE... I'VE GOT ANOTHER IDEA...

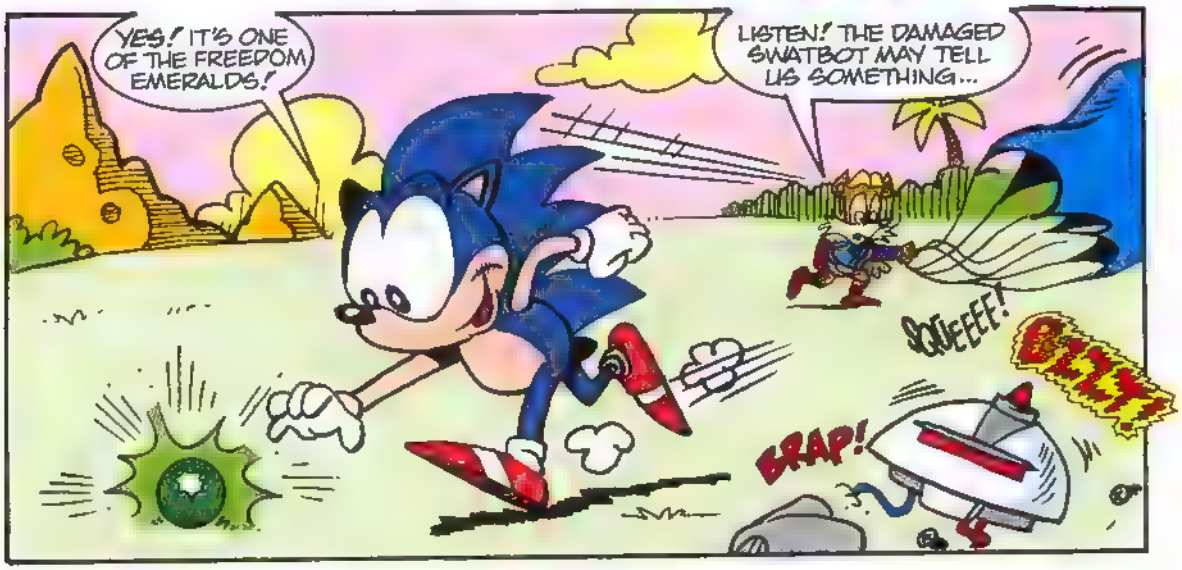

BY GOING INTO A SONIC SPIN...
I CAN LEAP FROM ROBOT TO ROBOT...
DESTROYING THEM...
WHILE I CLOSE IN ON THE BLIMP...
BOP!
ZOK!
WHAM!
SLAK!
FRAP!

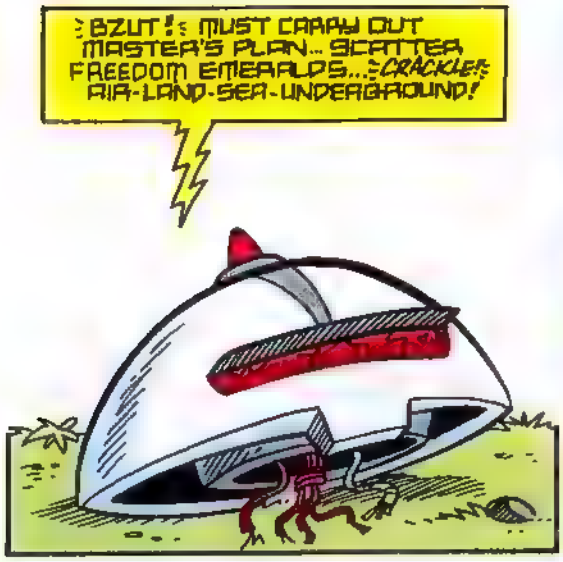

BLAMMO!
WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE IS WORTH TAKING A GANDER AT!


GRAB HOLD, SONIC!
GRAB
NICE CATCH, ANT!

LOOK! A SWATBOT!
HE MUST'VE BEEN THE AUTOMATIC PILOT!
RETURN YOUR TAPUS TO THE UPRIGHT POSITION...


SOMETHING BRIGHT AND SHINY POPPED OUT WHEN HE CRASHED!
COULD IT BE?...
SMASH!

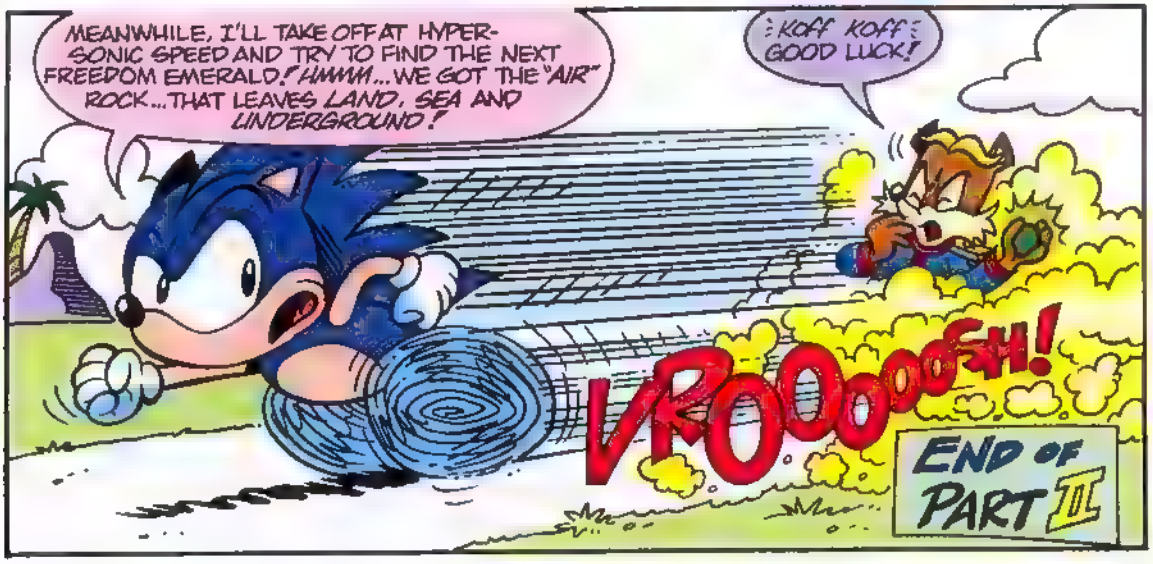

YES! IT'S ONE OF THE FREEDOM EMERALDS!
LISTEN! THE DAMAGED SWATBOT MAY TELL US SOMETHING...
SQUEEEE!
BRAP!

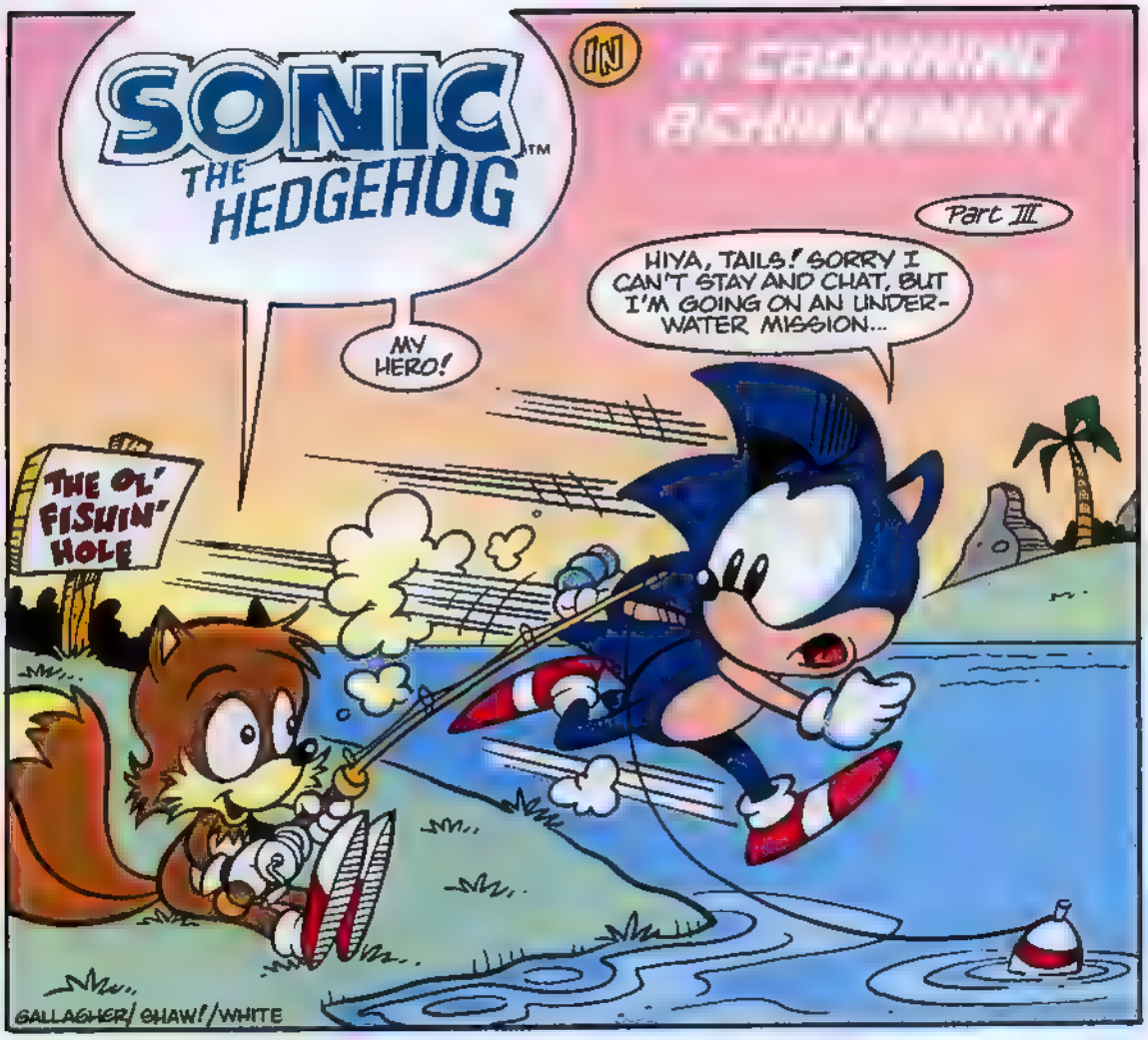

:BZUT!: MUST CARRY OUT MASTER'S PLAN... SCATTER FREEDOM EMERALDS...:CRACKLE:: AIR-LAND-SEA-UNDERGROUND!

AHA! THAT'S HIS PLAN! TO SEPERATE THE GEMS SO THEIR MAGIC CAN'T AFFECT HIS DREAM OF A MECHANICAL WORLD!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING! YOU'RE TAKING THIS EMERALD BACK TO PRINCESS SALLY!
BUT SHE TOLD US TO STAY TOGETHER!
TOSS!

THAT WAS BEFORE WE KNEW WHAT ROBOTNIK WAS UP TO! BRING HER THIS STONE. SHE'LL PUT IT'S MAGIC TO GOOD USE!
YOU'RE RIGHT!


MEANWHILE, I'LL TAKE OFF AT HYPERSONIC SPEED AND TRY TO FIND THE NEXT FREEDOM EMERALD! HMMM... WE GOT THE "AIR" ROCK... THAT LEAVES LAND, SEA AND UNDERGROUND!
:KOFF KOFF: GOOD LUCK!
VROOOOOSH!
END OF PART II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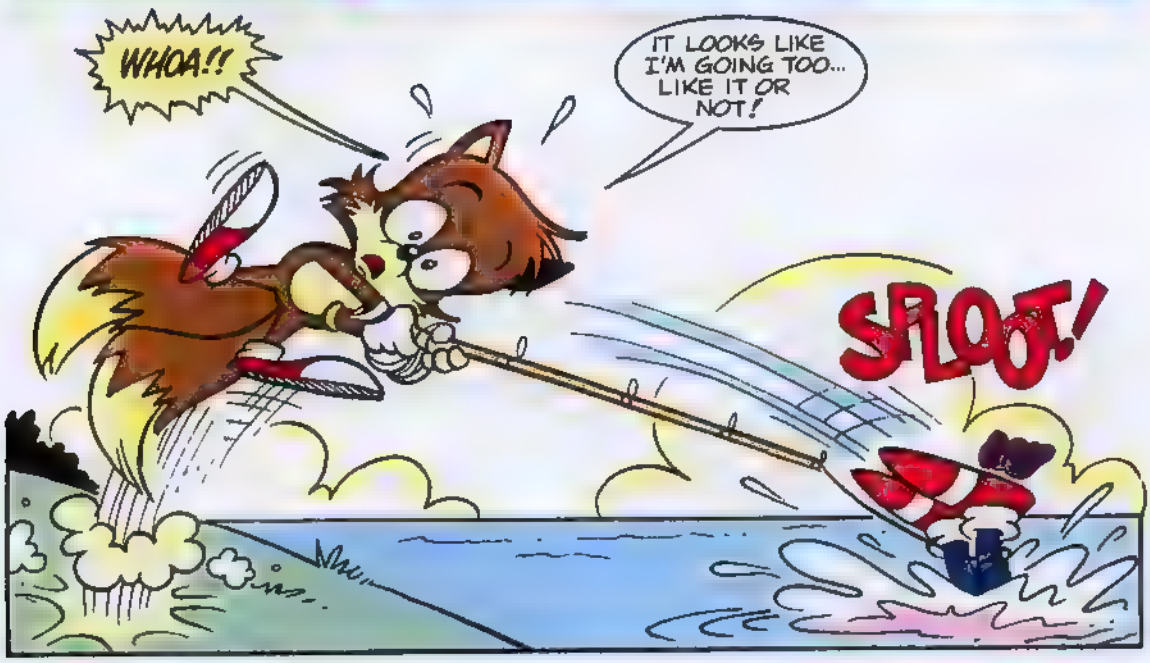
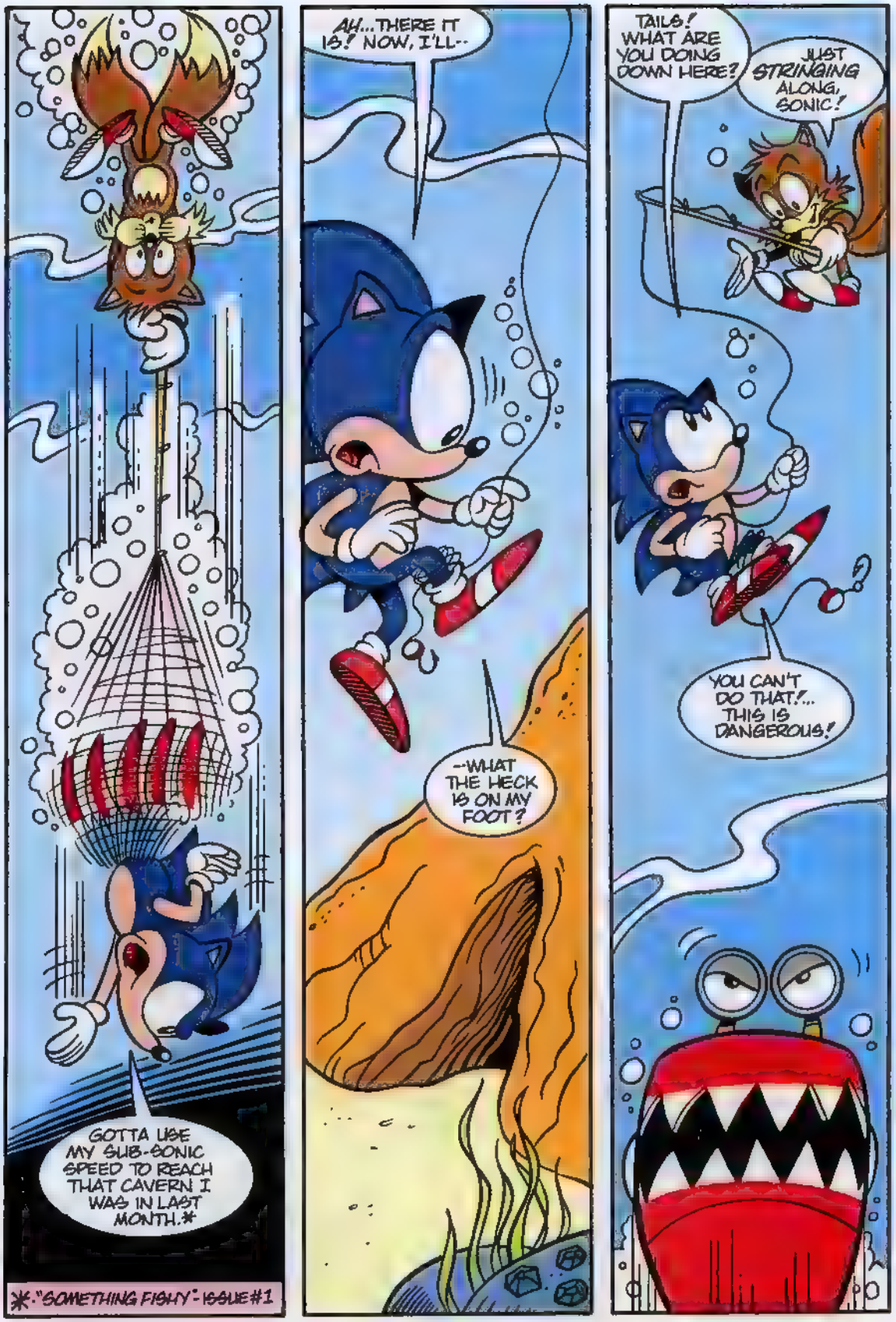
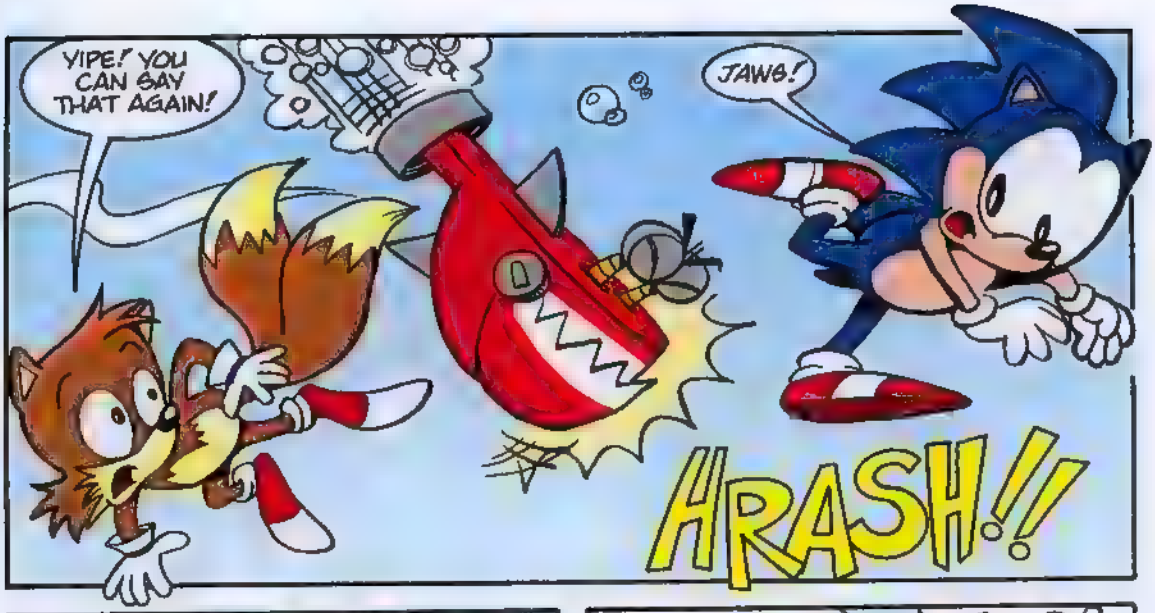
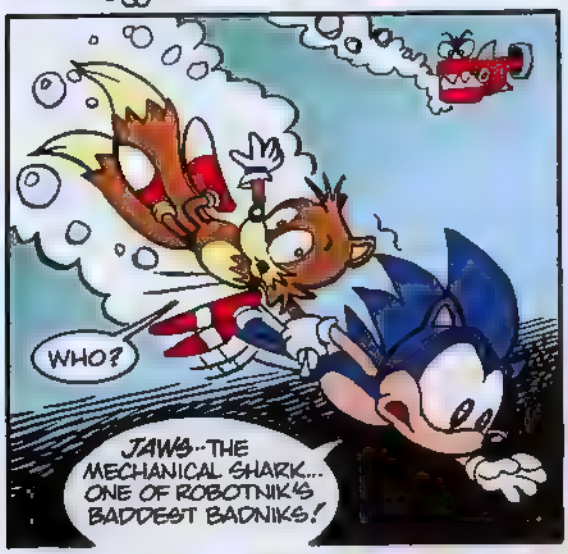
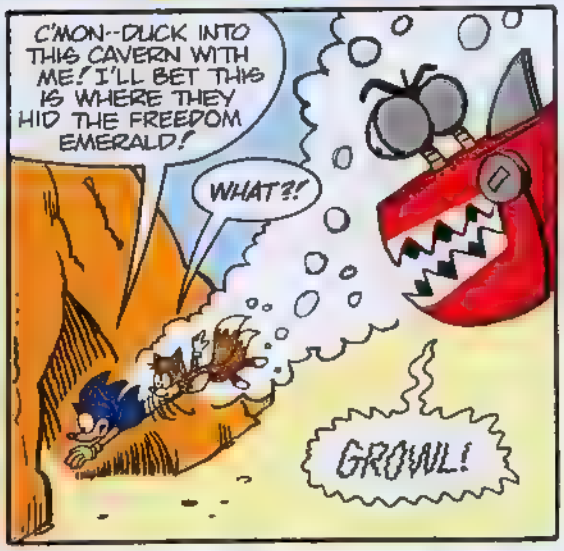
HIYA, TAILS! SORRY I CAN'T STAY AND CHAT, BUT I'M GOING ON AN UNDER-WATER MISSION...
MY HERO!
THE OL' FISHIN' HOLE
GALLAGHER/ SHAW!/WHITE

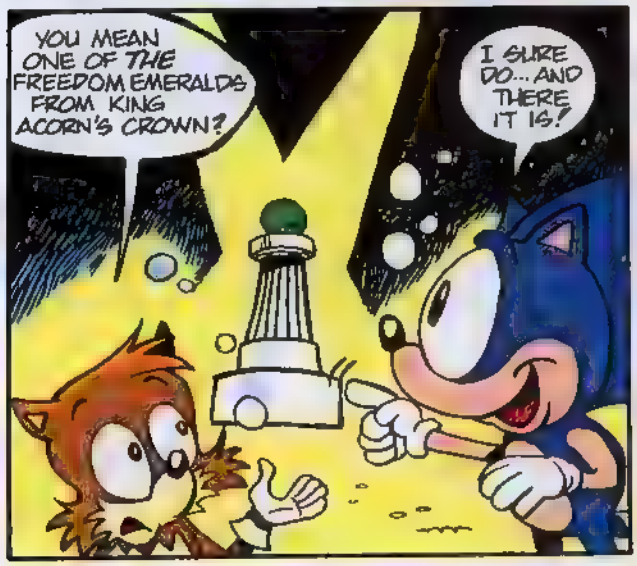

WHOA!!
IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TOO... LIKE IT OR NOT!
SPLOOT!

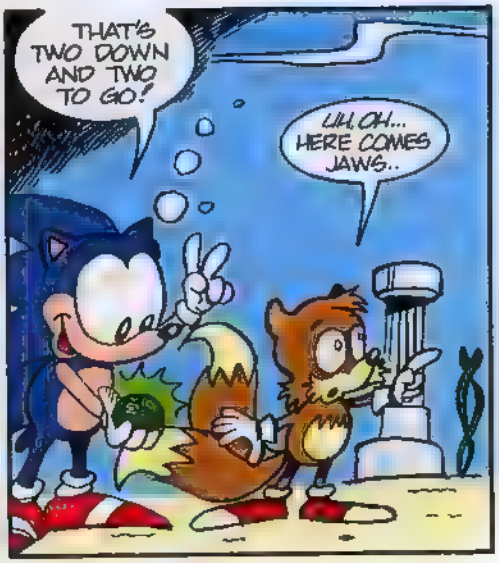

GOTTA USE MY SUB-SONIC SPEED TO REACH THAT CAVERN I WAS IN LAST MONTH.*
*"SOMETHING FISHY"-ISSUE #1
AH...THERE IT IS! NOW, I'LL--
--WHAT THE HECK IS ON MY FOOT?
TAILS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING DOWN HERE?
JUST STRINGING ALONG, SONIC!
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!... THIS IS DANGEROUS!

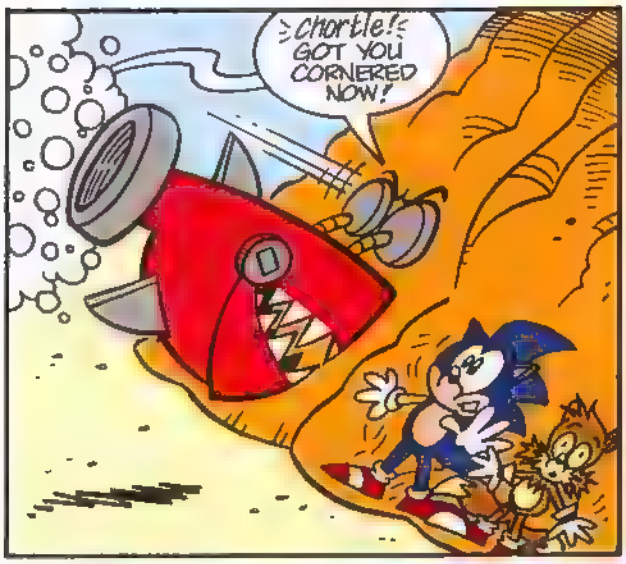

YIPE! YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!
JAWS!
HRASH!!

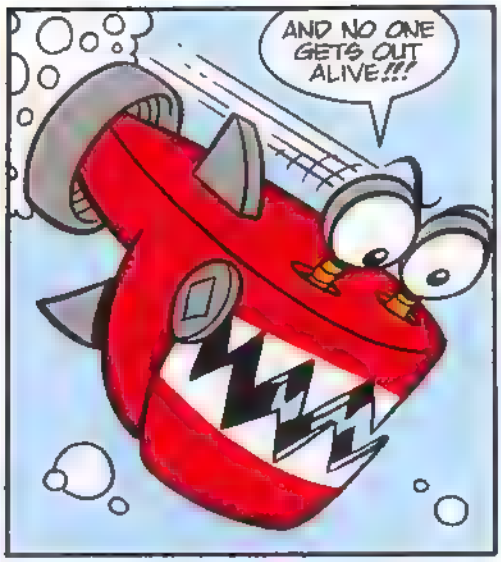

WHO?
JAWS--THE MECHANICAL SHARK... ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S BADDEST BADNIKS!

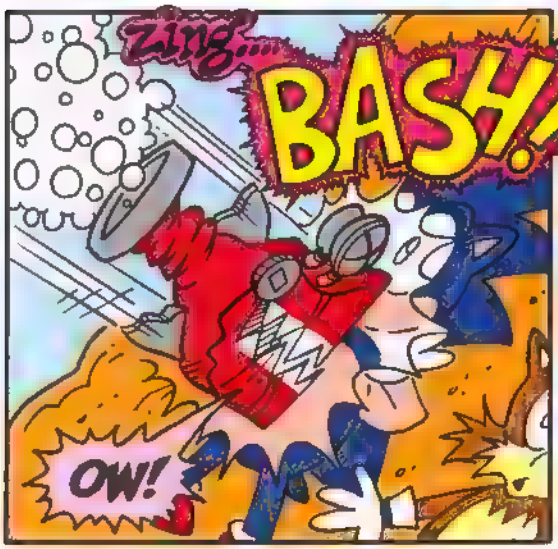

C'MON--DUCK INTO THIS CAVERN WITH ME! I'LL BET THIS IS WHERE THEY HID THE FREEDOM EMERALD!
WHAT?!
GROWL!

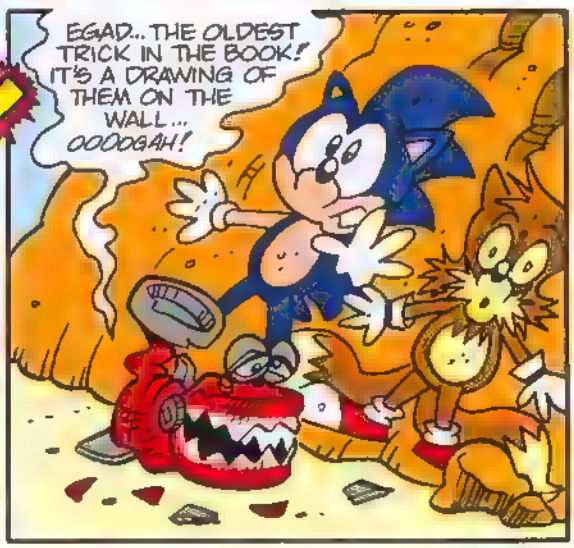

YOU MEAN ONE OF THE FREEDOM EMERALDS FROM KING ACORN'S CROWN?
I SURE DO... AND THERE IT IS!

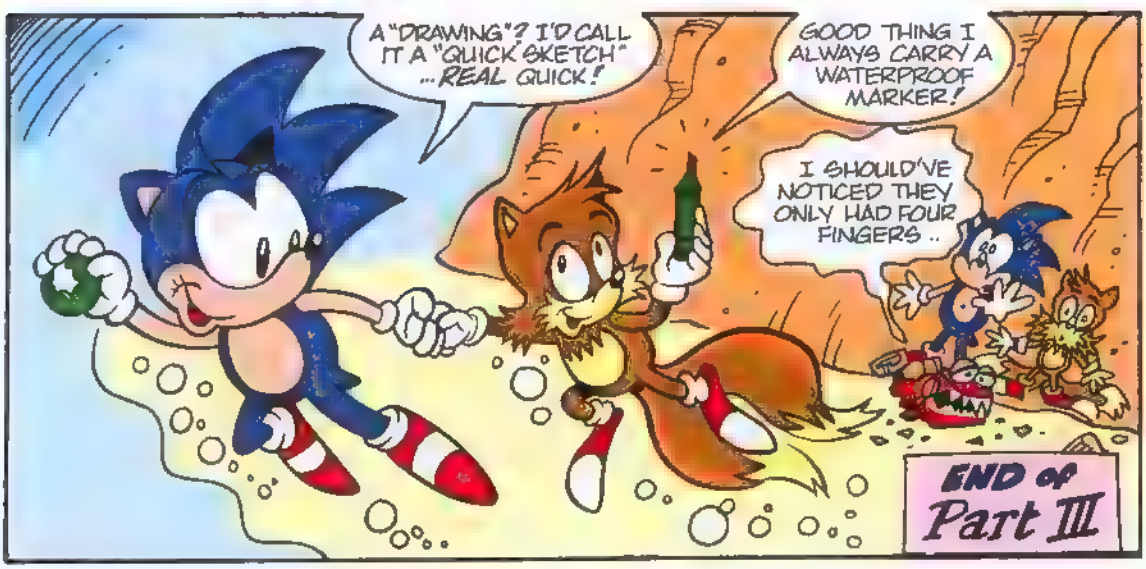

THAT'S TWO DOWN AND TWO TO GO!
UH OH... HERE COMES JAWS..


Chortle! GOT YOU CORNERED NOW!


AND NO ONE GETS OUT ALIVE!!!


ZING...
BASH!
OW!


EGAD... THE OLDEST TRICK IN THE BOOK! IT'S A DRAWING OF THEM ON THE WALL... OOOOGAH!


A "DRAWING"? I'D CALL IT A "QUICK SKETCH" ...REAL QUICK!
GOOD THING I ALWAYS CARRY A WATERPROOF MARKER!
I SHOULD'VE NOTICED THEY ONLY HAD FOUR FINGERS..
END OF Part III

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

Part IV

APPROACHING, MASTER!

VERY WELL! INITIATE PLAN 426!

YOU GET THAT FREEDOM EMERALD TO PRINCESS SALLY, TAILS! I'M GOING AFTER THE OTHER TWO!

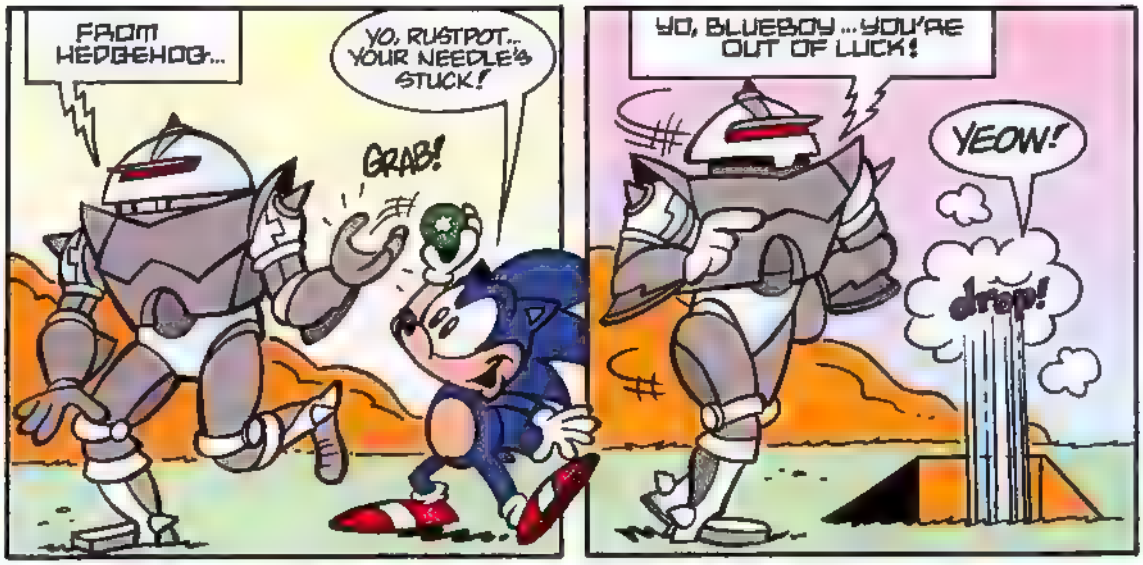
AYE, AYE, FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTER!

TWO-WAY WRIST TV/ VCR/ AM-FM CASSETTE/ SEGA GAMEGEAR/ CD PLAYER / TOASTER OVEN

GALLAGHER/SHAW!/WHITE

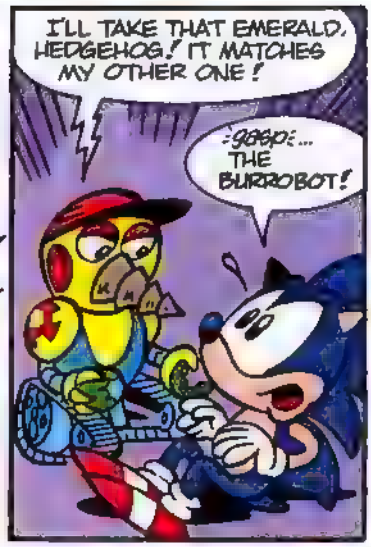
MUST HIDE EMERALD FROM HEDGEHOG-- CLICK -- FROM HEDGEHOG CLICK! FROM HEDGEHOG...

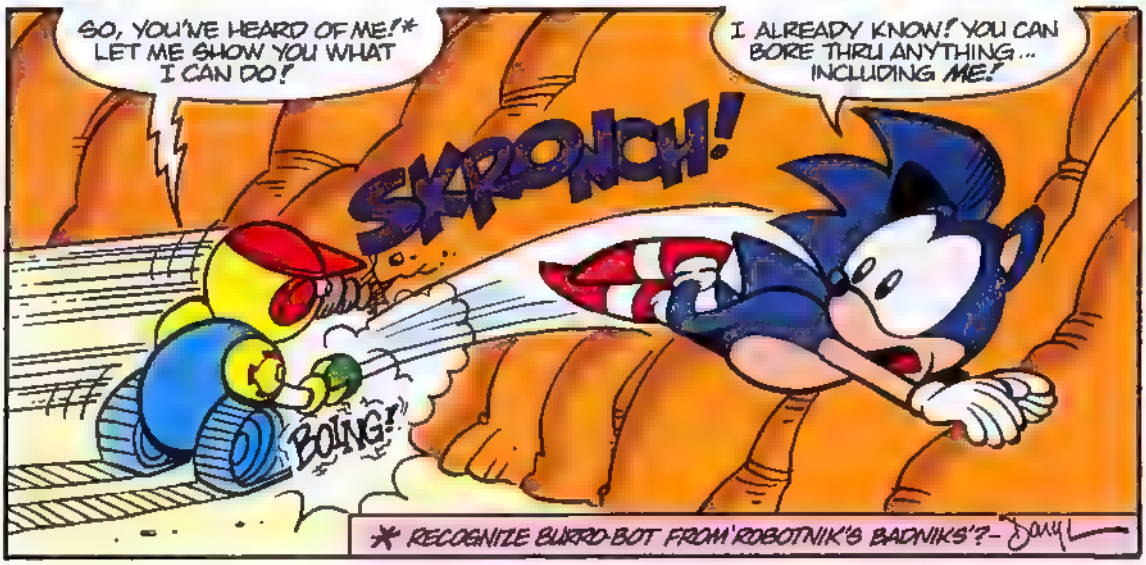
WHAT LUCK! THE SWATBOT CARRYING THAT EMERALD HAS A SHORT CIRCUIT!

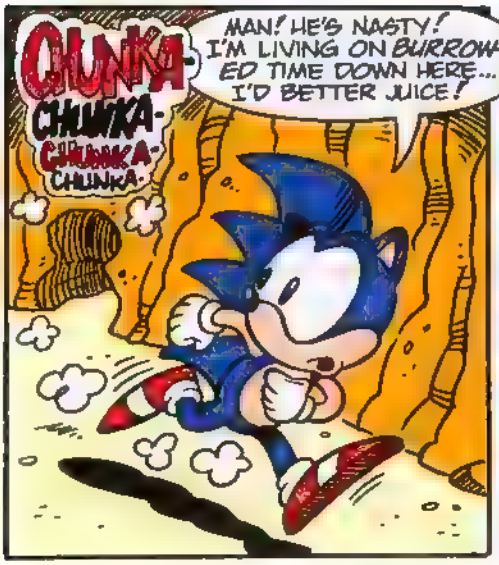

FROM HEDGEHOG...
YO, RUSTPOT... YOUR NEEDLE'S STUCK!
GRAB!
YO, BLUEBOY... YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK!
YEOW!
drop!

HOLY MOLE HOLE! I'M FALLING INTO A BOTTOMLESS PIT!...

OOOF! NOT QUITE BOTTOMLESS! WHEN DID THIS BECOME AN UNDERGROUND COMIC?


I'LL TAKE THAT EMERALD, HEDGEHOG! IT MATCHES MY OTHER ONE!
:gasp:... THE BURROBOT!


SO, YOU'VE HEARD OF ME!* LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I CAN DO!
I ALREADY KNOW! YOU CAN BORE THRU ANYTHING... INCLUDING ME!
SKRONCH!
BOING!
* RECOGNIZE BURRO-BOT FROM 'ROBOTNIK'S BADNIKS'?-


CHUNKA-
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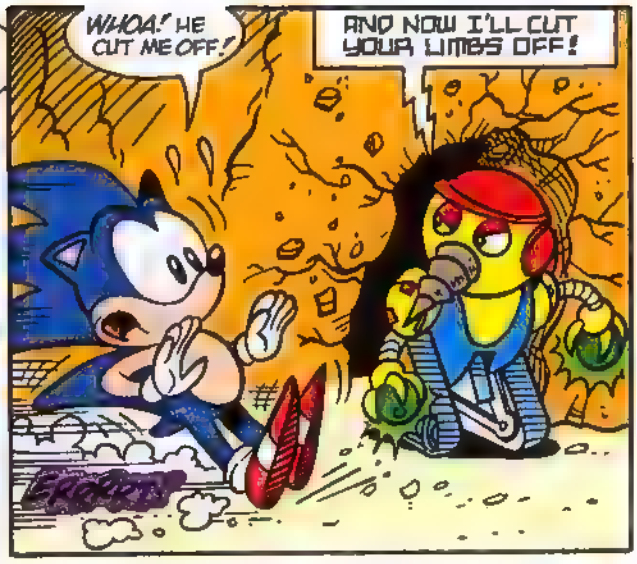
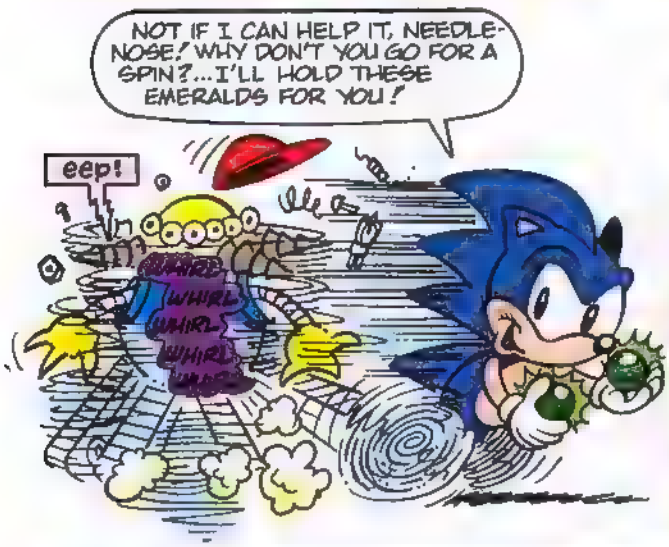
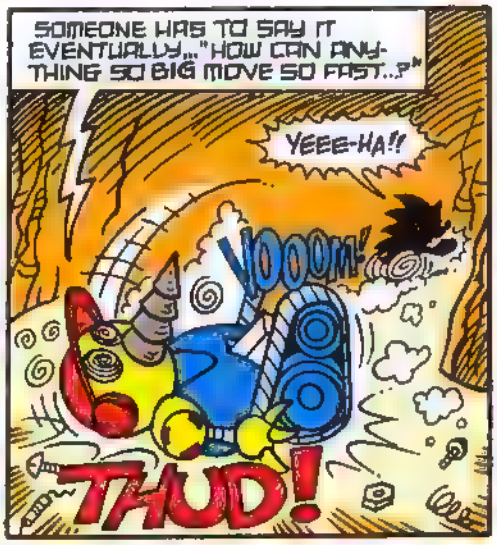
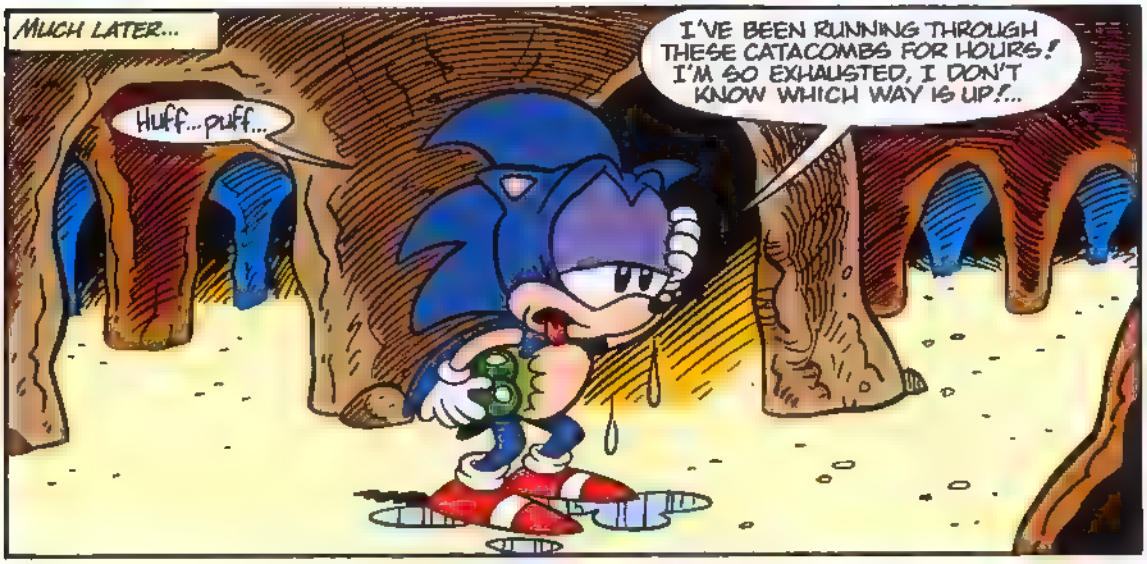
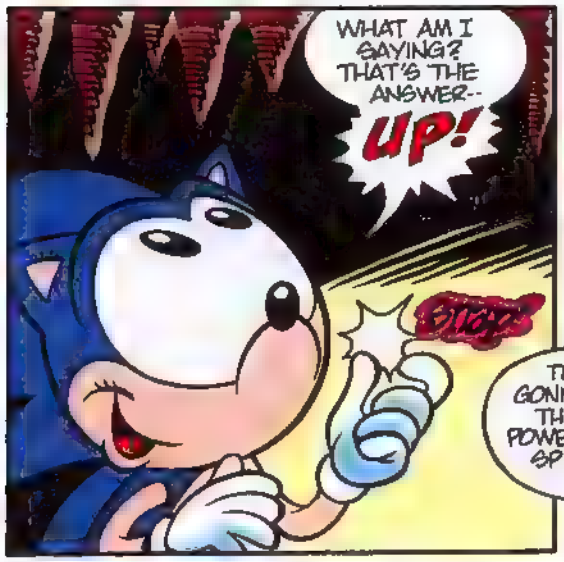
MAN! HE'S NASTY! I'M LIVING ON BURROWED TIME DOWN HERE... I'D BETTER JUICE!

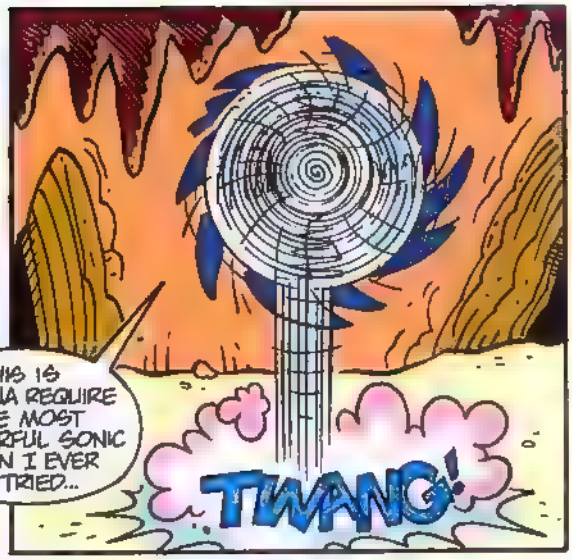

WHOA! HE CUT ME OFF!
AND NOW I'LL CUT YOUR LIMBS OFF!
SKRRRT!

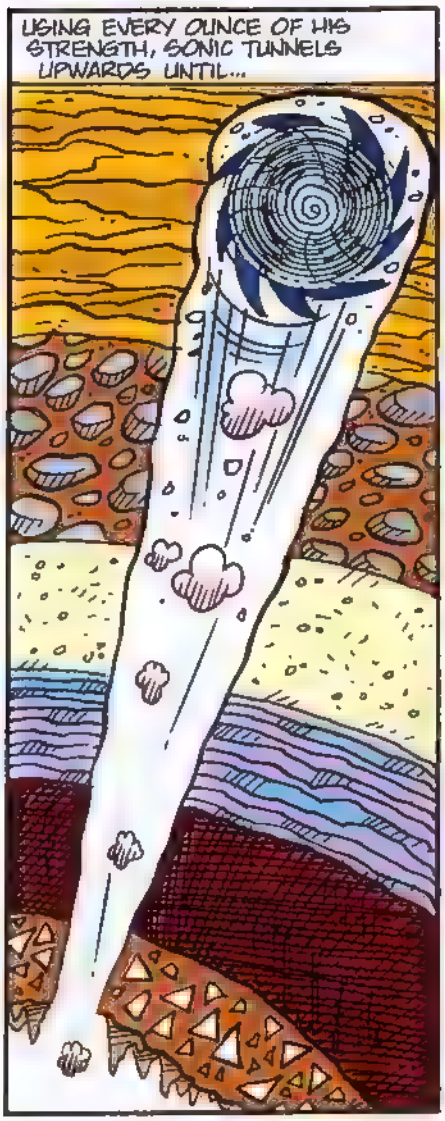

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, NEEDLE-NOSE! WHY DON'T YOU GO FOR A SPIN?... I'LL HOLD THESE EMERALDS FOR YOU!
eep!
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL


SOMEONE HAS TO SAY IT EVENTUALLY..."HOW CAN ANYTHING SO BIG MOVE SO FAST..?"
YEEE-HA!!
VOOOM!
THUD!

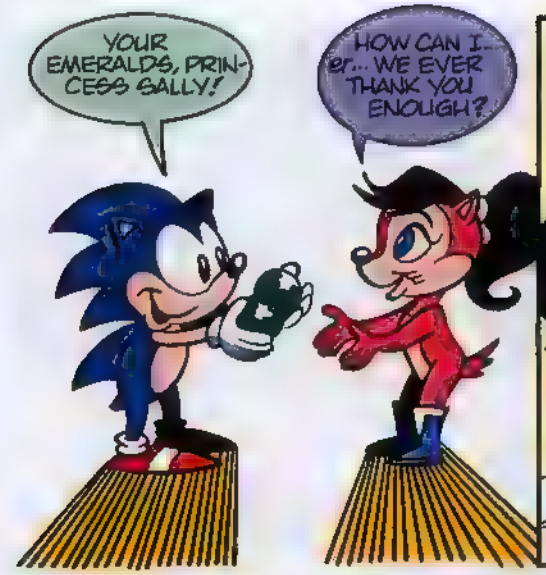

MUCH LATER...
Huff...puff...
I'VE BEEN RUNNING THROUGH THESE CATACOMBS FOR HOURS! I'M SO EXHAUSTED, I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY IS UP!...

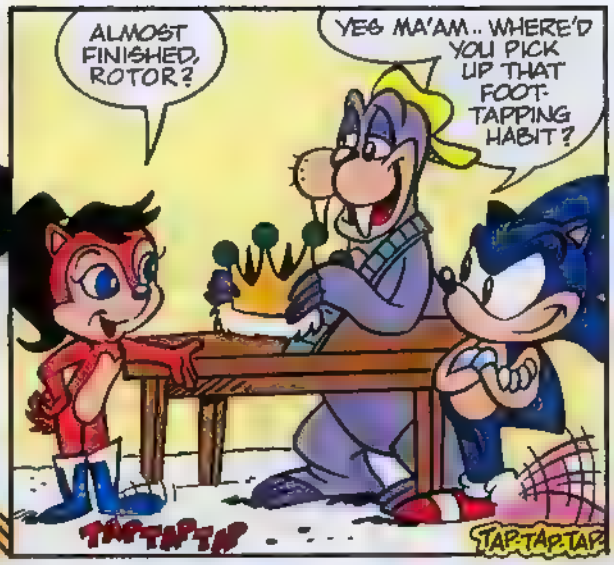

WHAT AM I SAYING? THAT'S THE ANSWER--
UP!
SLOP!

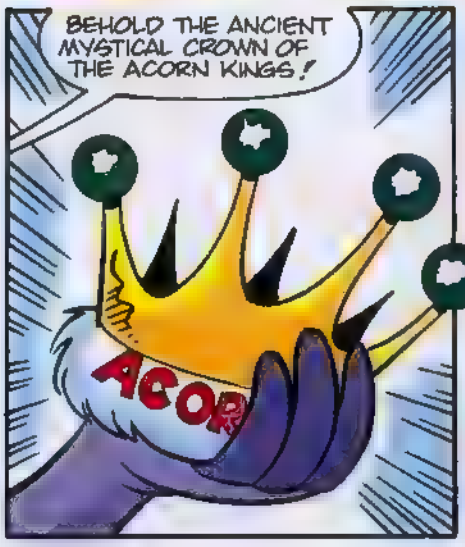

THIS IS GONNA REQUIRE THE MOST POWERFUL SONIC SPIN I EVER TRIED...
TWANG!

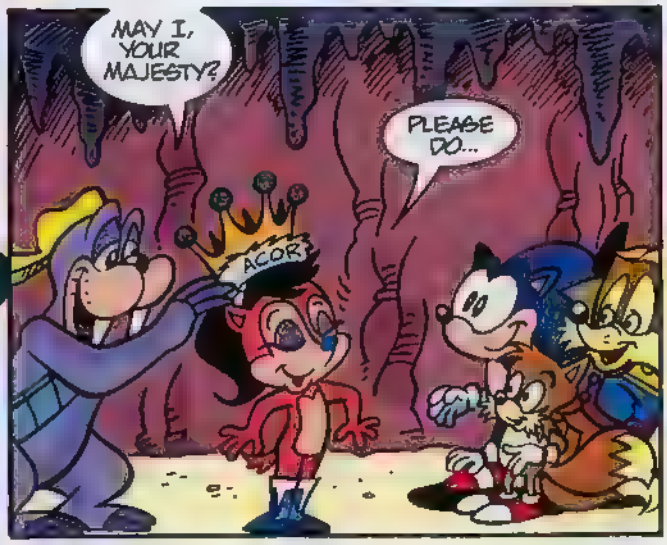

USING EVERY OUNCE OF HIS STRENGTH, SONIC TUNNELS UPWARDS UNTIL...

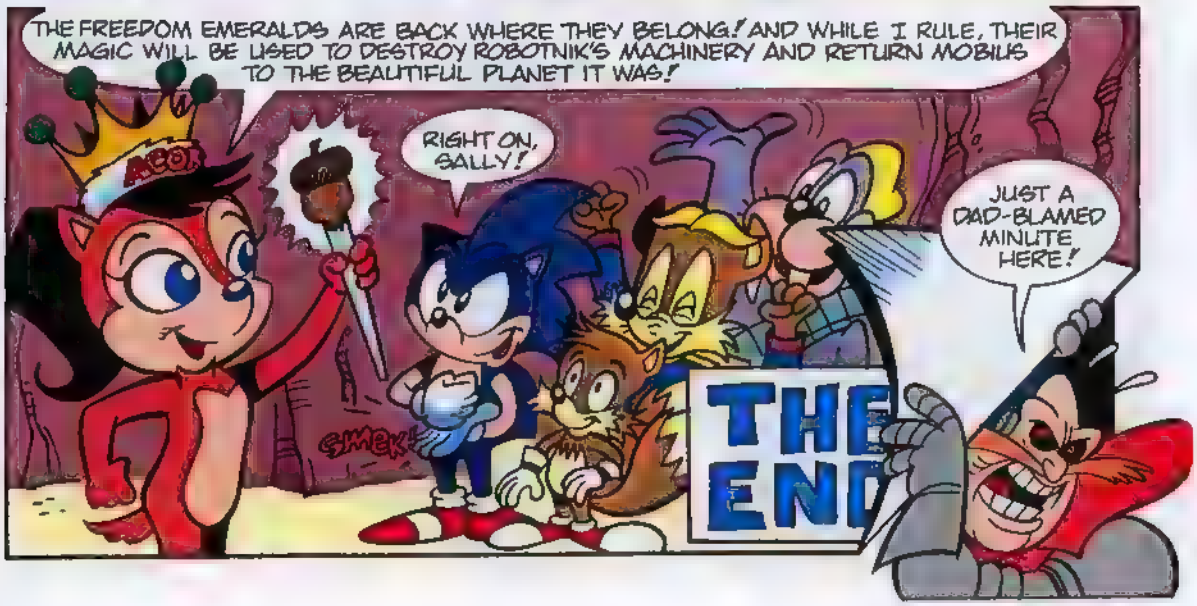
HE POPS THRU THE FLOOR OF BOOMER'S SHOP!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
CROWNS REPAIRED-- WHILE-U-WAIT
ACORN


YOUR EMERALDS, PRINCESS SALLY!
HOW CAN I... er... WE EVER THANK YOU ENOUGH?

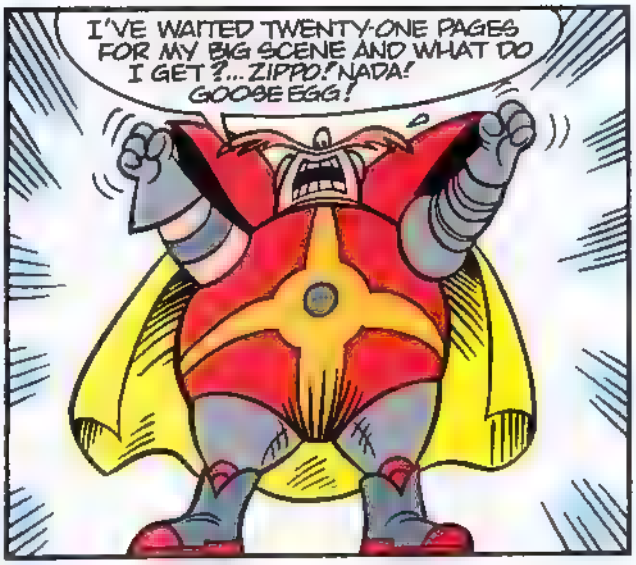

ALMOST FINISHED, ROTOR?
YES MA'AM.. WHERE'D YOU PICK UP THAT FOOT-TAPPING HABIT?
TAP-TAP-TAP

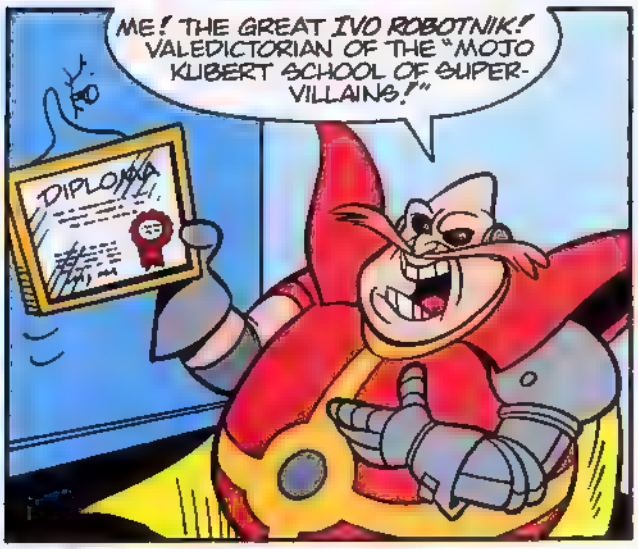

BEHOLD THE ANCIENT MYSTICAL CROWN OF THE ACORN KINGS!
ACORN


MAY I, YOUR MAJESTY?
PLEASE DO...
ACORN

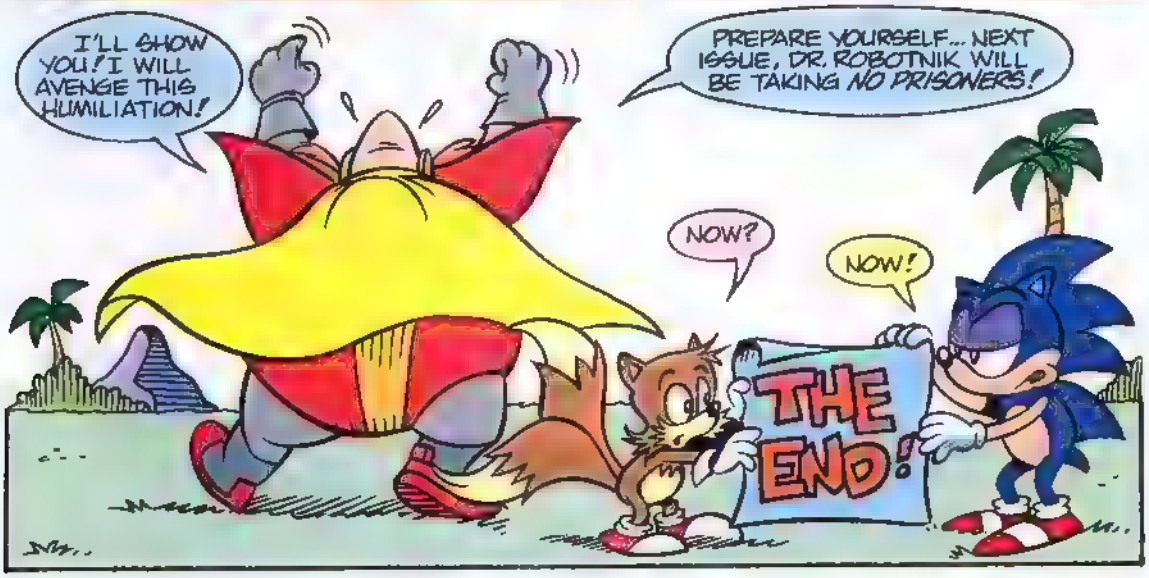

THE FREEDOM EMERALDS ARE BACK WHERE THEY BELONG! AND WHILE I RULE, THEIR MAGIC WILL BE USED TO DESTROY ROBOTNIK'S MACHINERY AND RETURN MOBIUS TO THE BEAUTIFUL PLANET IT WAS!
ACORN
RIGHT ON, SALLY!
JUST A DAD-BLAMED MINUTE HERE!
SMEK!
THE END

I WANT TO REGISTER A COMPLAINT! HELLO? ...IS THIS THING ON?...
TAP! TAP! TAP!


I'VE WAITED TWENTY-ONE PAGES FOR MY BIG SCENE AND WHAT DO I GET?... ZIPPO! NADA! GOOSE EGG!


ME! THE GREAT IVO ROBOTNIK! VALEDICTORIAN OF THE "MOJO KUBERT SCHOOL OF SUPER-VILLAINS!"
DIPLOMA

A FULL LENGTH, FOUR-PART SAGA AND I MAKE ONE LOUSY CAMEO ON A TINY T.V. SCREEN?... IT'S AN OUTRAGE!!
GGGGG


I'LL SHOW YOU! I WILL AVENGE THIS HUMILIATION!
PREPARE YOURSELF... NEXT ISSUE, DR. ROBOTNIK WILL BE TAKING NO PRISONERS!
NOW?
NOW!
THE END!

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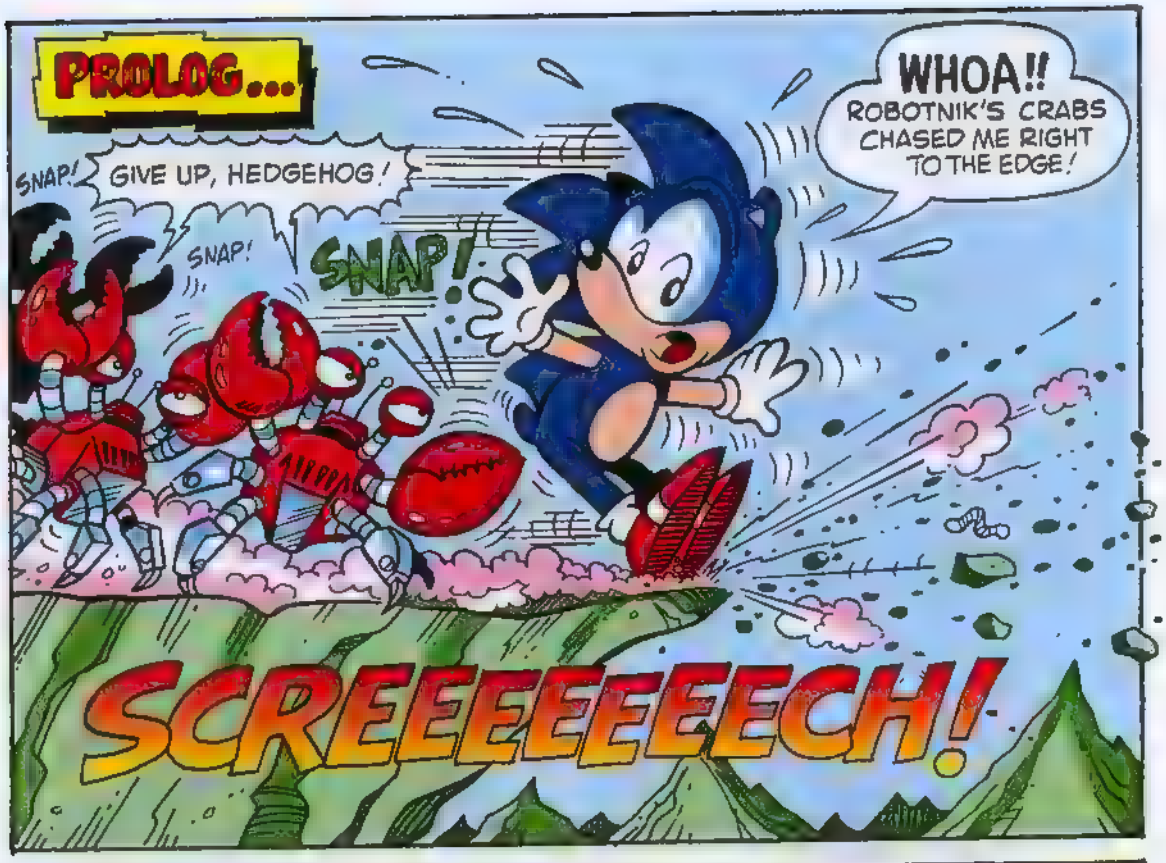
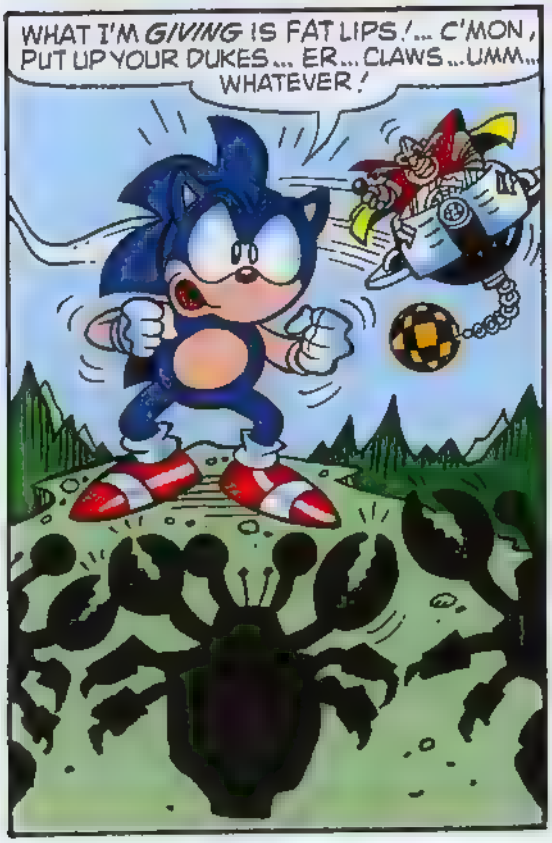
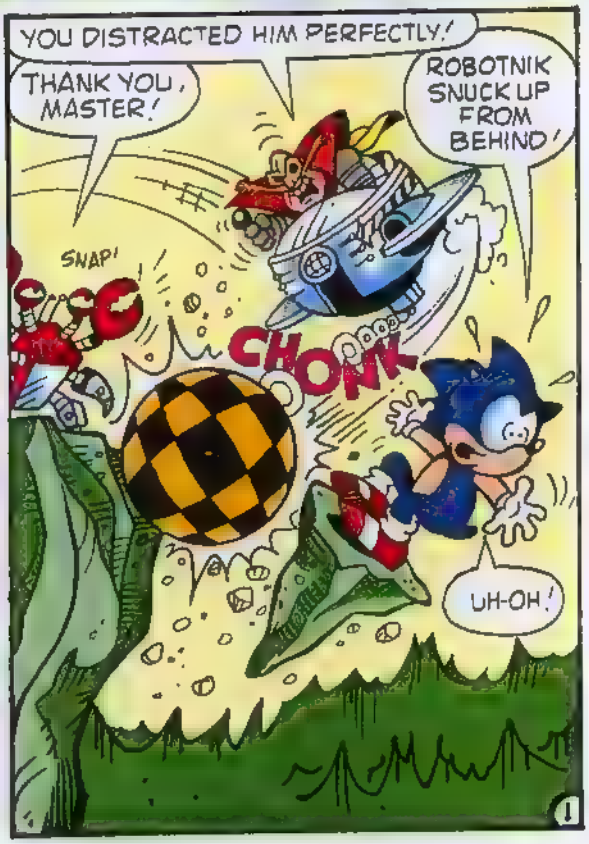
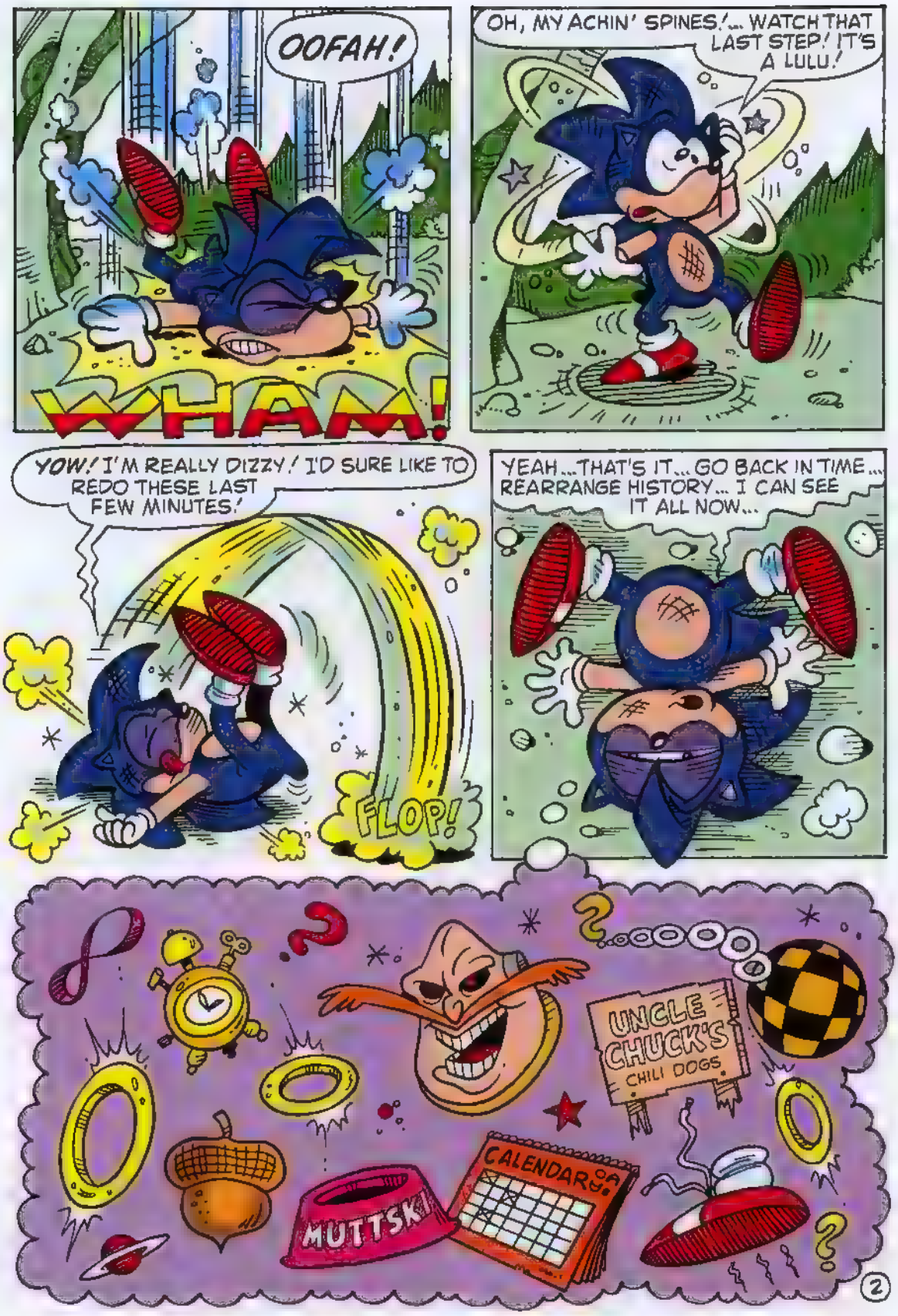

PROLOG...
SNAP!
GIVE UP, HEDGEHOG!
SNAP!
SNAP!
WHOA!!
ROBOTNIK'S CRABS CHASED ME RIGHT TO THE EDGE!
SCREEEEEEECH!


WHAT I'M *GIVING* IS FAT LIPS!... C'MON, PUT UP YOUR DUKES... ER... CLAWS... UMM... WHATEVER!


YOU DISTRACTED HIM PERFECTLY!
THANK YOU, MASTER!
ROBOTNIK SNUCK UP FROM BEHIND!
SNAP!
CHONK
UH-OH!


OOFAH!
WHAM!
OH, MY ACHIN' SPINES!... WATCH THAT LAST STEP! IT'S A LULU!
YOW! I'M REALLY DIZZY! I'D SURE LIKE TO REDO THESE LAST FEW MINUTES!
FLOP!
YEAH...THAT'S IT... GO BACK IN TIME... REARRANGE HISTORY... I CAN SEE IT ALL NOW...
UNCLE CHUCK'S CHILI DOGS
CALENDAR
MUTTSKI
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN SONIC FLASHBACK!

...OR WHAT IF SONIC AND ROBOTNIK WERE KIDS TOGETHER...

PART I

IS DESTROYING MY BEAUTIFUL CRABS!

SMASH! BASH! DASH! QUASH! TRASH!

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK, ROBOTNIK!

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CURSE YOU, SONIC! ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL CATCH YOU AND USE MY ROBO-MACHINE TO TURN YOU INTO A ROBOT!... CURSE YOU AND YOUR *UNCLE CHUCK!*

HMM?

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UNCLE CHUCK!...THE GUY WHO INADVERTENTLY CREATED THE SITUATION ON MOBIUS!--
-- AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ORIGIN!
--AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ROBOTNIK'S ORIGIN!
I REMEMBER IT WELL...

I WAS JUST A KID... UNCLE CHUCK WAS WORKING IN THE BARN...HE WAS AN INVENTOR...
BY GEORGE... I THINK I'VE DONE IT!
WHANG!
KLUNK!
SMEK!

I'VE CREATED THE FIRST *MAGICAL RING!* IT'LL ENHANCE MY NEPHEW SONIC'S POWERS!

NOW THAT I KNOW HOW, IT'LL BE NO PROBLEM TO MAKE A HUNDRED--
EH? SONIC!
UNCLE CHUCK! UNCLE CHUCK!

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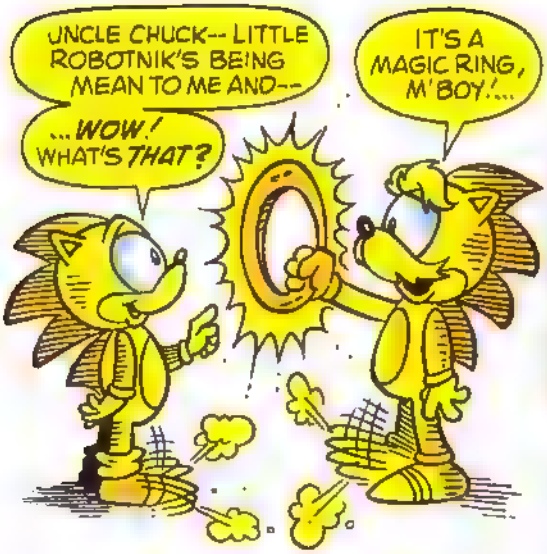
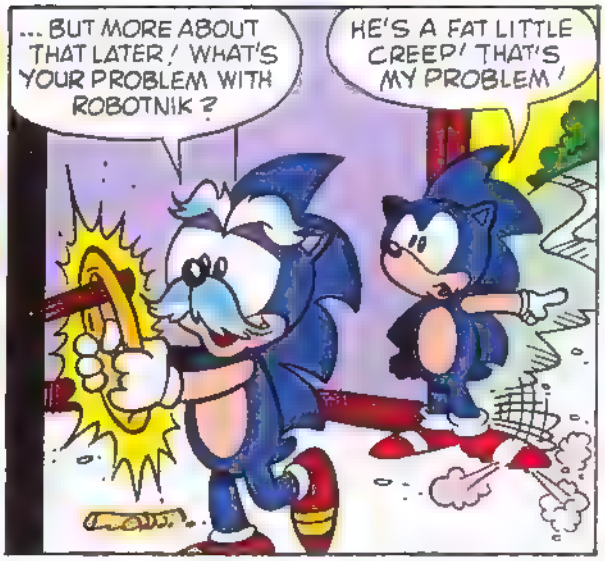
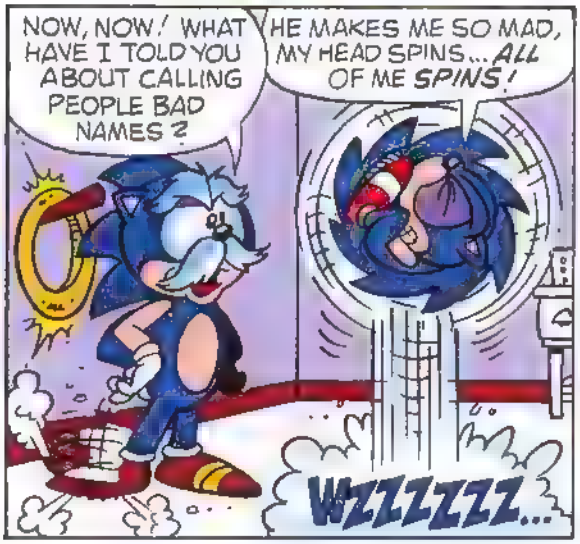
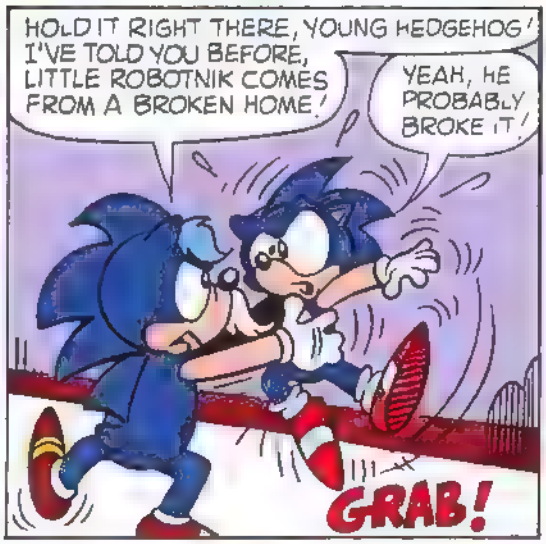
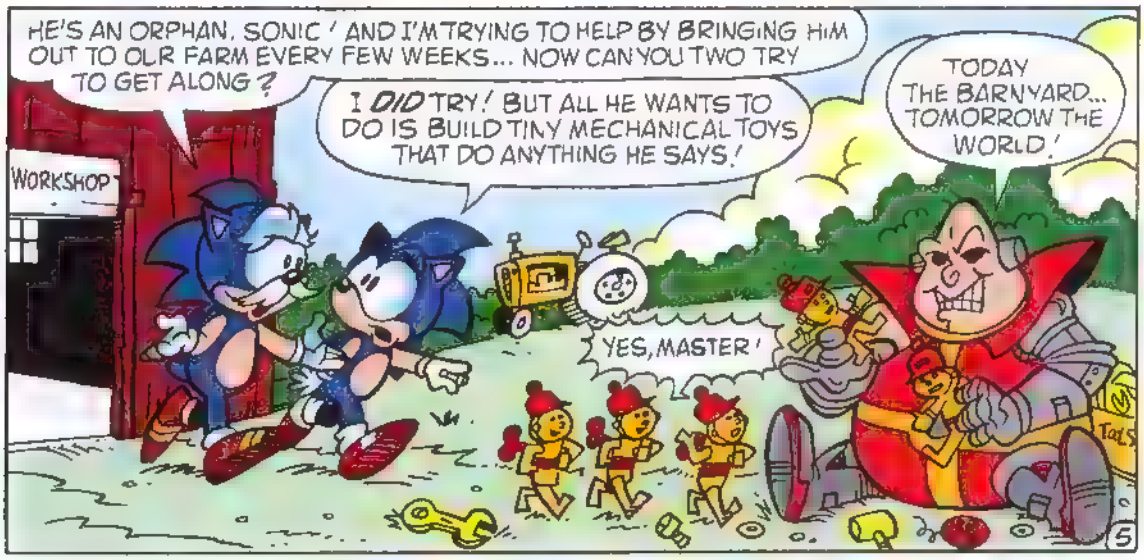

UNCLE CHUCK-- LITTLE ROBOTNIK'S BEING MEAN TO ME AND--
...WOW! WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A MAGIC RING, M'BOY!...


...BUT MORE ABOUT THAT LATER! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM WITH ROBOTNIK?
HE'S A FAT LITTLE CREEP! THAT'S MY PROBLEM!


NOW, NOW! WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU ABOUT CALLING PEOPLE BAD NAMES?
HE MAKES ME SO MAD, MY HEAD SPINS... ALL OF ME SPINS!
WZZZZZZ...


HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, YOUNG HEDGEHOG! I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, LITTLE ROBOTNIK COMES FROM A BROKEN HOME!
YEAH, HE PROBABLY BROKE IT!
GRAB!


HE'S AN ORPHAN, SONIC! AND I'M TRYING TO HELP BY BRINGING HIM OUT TO OUR FARM EVERY FEW WEEKS... NOW CAN YOU TWO TRY TO GET ALONG?
I DID TRY! BUT ALL HE WANTS TO DO IS BUILD TINY MECHANICAL TOYS THAT DO ANYTHING HE SAYS!
TODAY THE BARNYARD... TOMORROW THE WORLD!
WORKSHOP
YES, MASTER!
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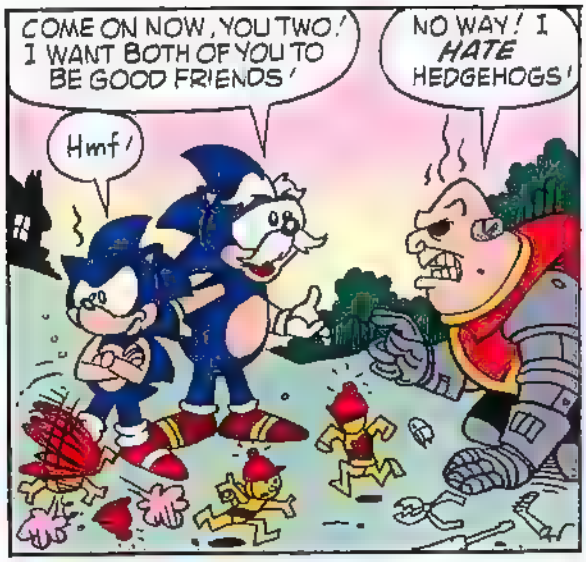
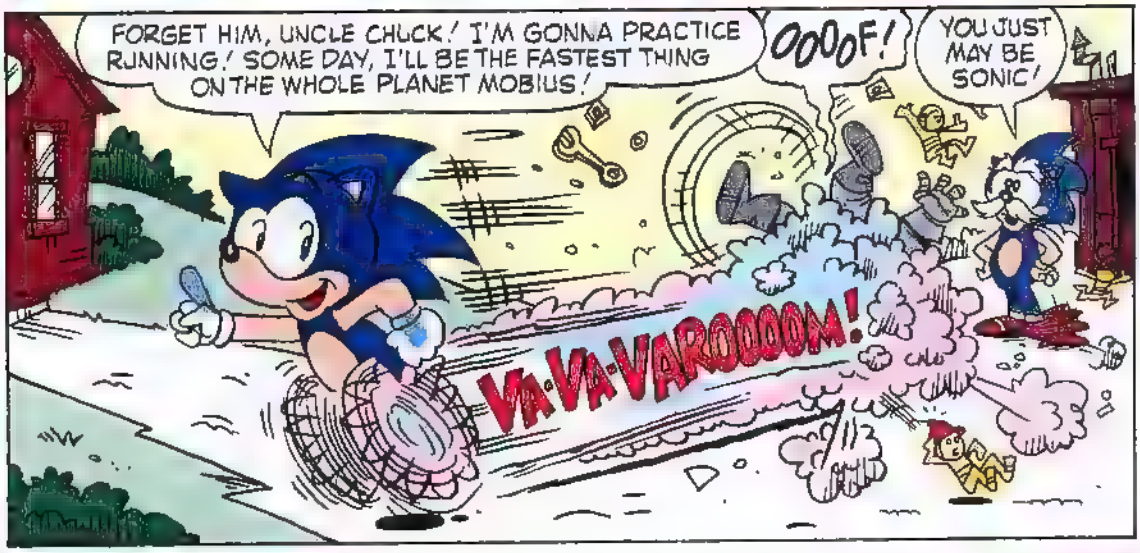
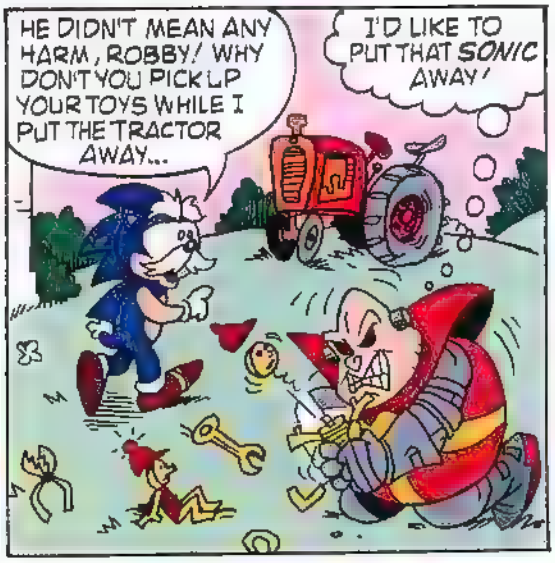
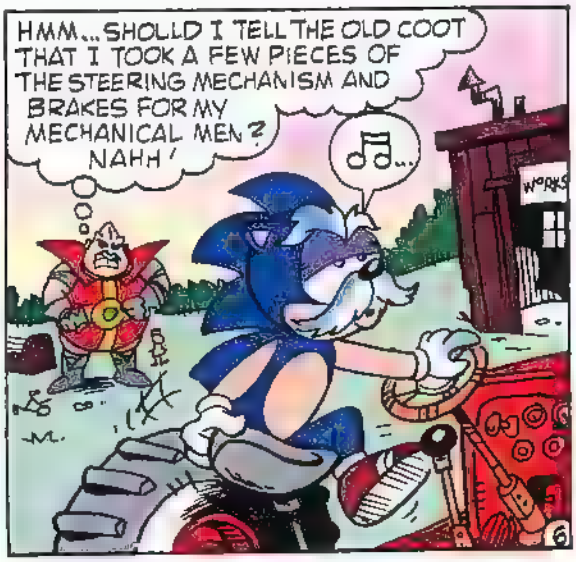
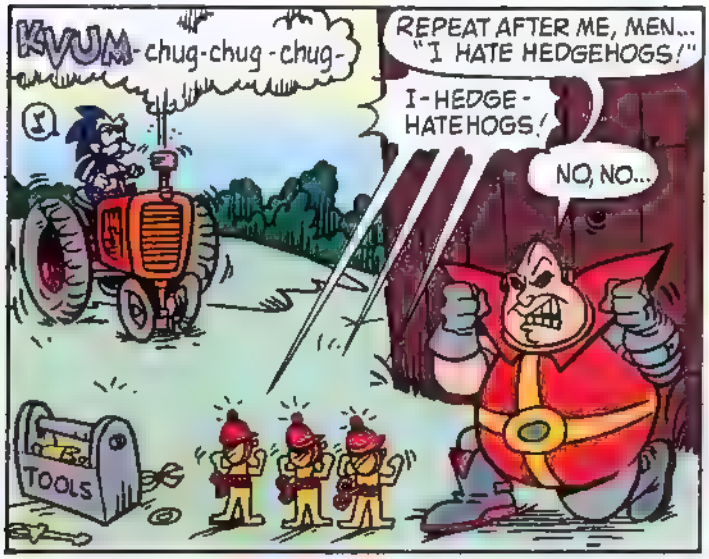

COME ON NOW, YOU TWO! I WANT BOTH OF YOU TO BE GOOD FRIENDS!
NO WAY! I HATE HEDGEHOGS!
Hmf!

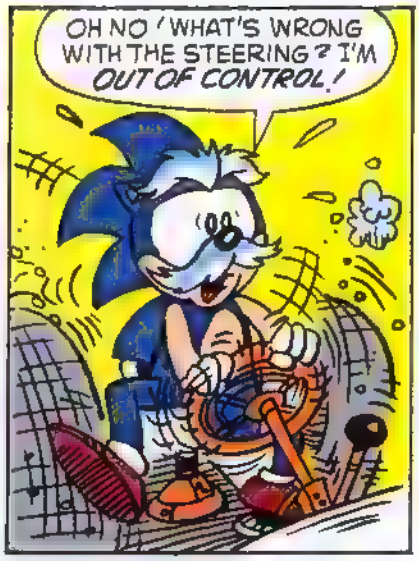
YOU KNUCKLE-HEAD! UNCLE CHUCK--THE GUY BEING SO NICE TO YOU--IS A HEDGEHOG!
OKAY THEN, I JUST HATE ONE HEDGEHOG--YOU!
BOYS, BOYS!

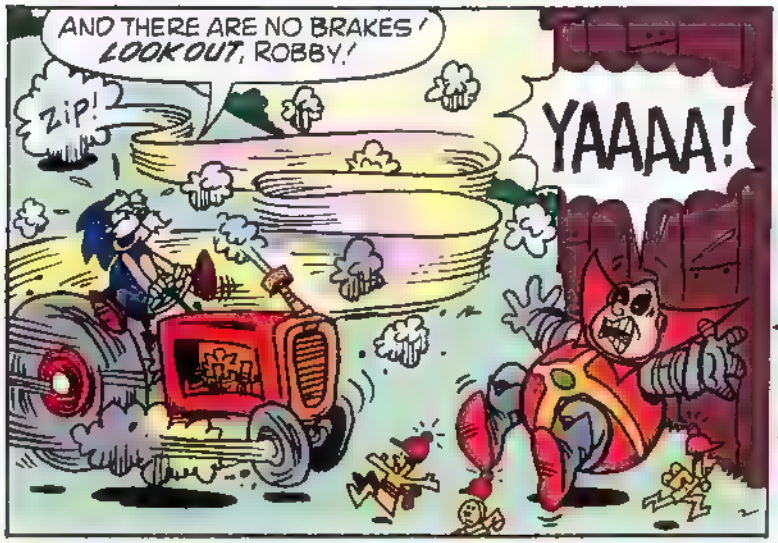

FORGET HIM, UNCLE CHUCK! I'M GONNA PRACTICE RUNNING! SOME DAY, I'LL BE THE FASTEST THING ON THE WHOLE PLANET MOBIUS!
OOOOF!
YOU JUST MAY BE SONIC!
VA-VA-VAROOOOM!


HE DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM, ROBBY! WHY DON'T YOU PICK UP YOUR TOYS WHILE I PUT THE TRACTOR AWAY...
I'D LIKE TO PUT THAT SONIC AWAY!

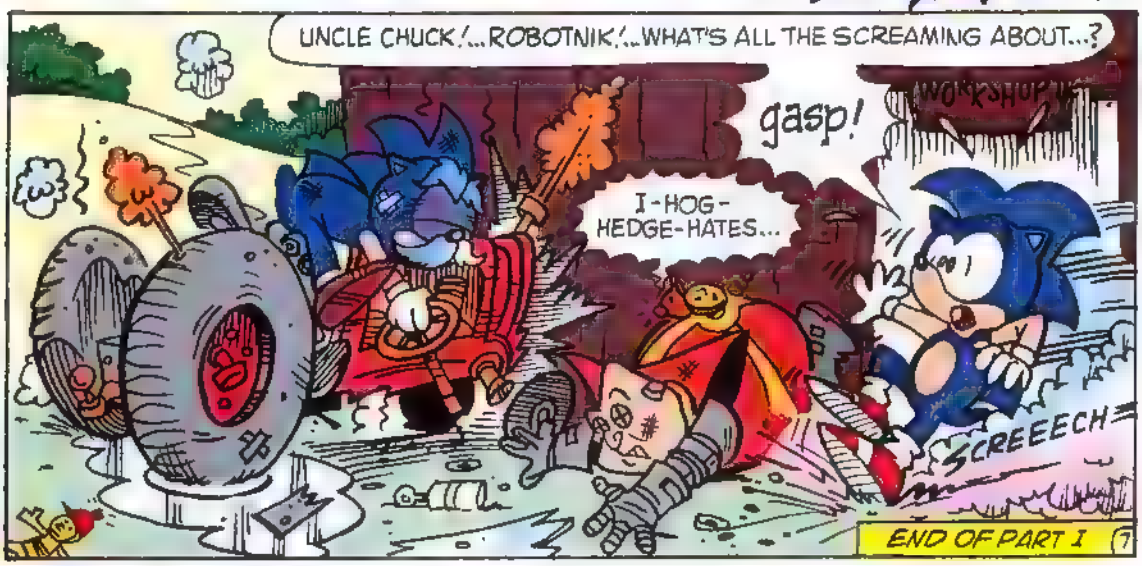

HMM... SHOULD I TELL THE OLD COOT THAT I TOOK A FEW PIECES OF THE STEERING MECHANISM AND BRAKES FOR MY MECHANICAL MEN? NAHH!
♫...
WORKS


KVUM-chug-chug-chug-
REPEAT AFTER ME, MEN... "I HATE HEDGEHOGS!"
I-HEDGE-HATEHOGS!
NO, NO...
TOOLS


OH NO! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE STEERING? I'M OUT OF CONTROL!


AND THERE ARE NO BRAKES! LOOK OUT, ROBBY!
ZIP!
YAAAA!

KA-BASH!


UNCLE CHUCK!...ROBOTNIK!...WHAT'S ALL THE SCREAMING ABOUT...?
gasp!
WORKSHOP
I-HOG-HEDGE-HATES...
SCREEECH
END OF PART I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

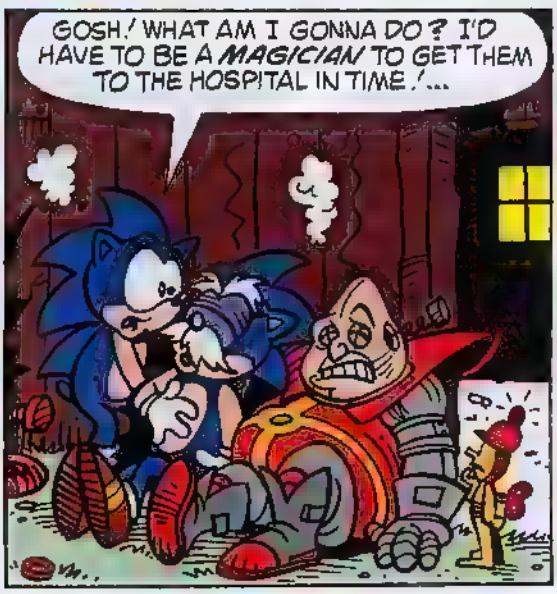
IN SONIC FLASHBACK!

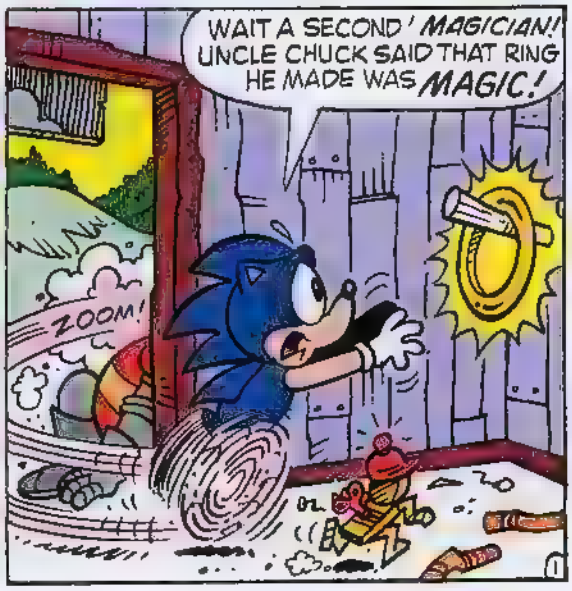
PART II

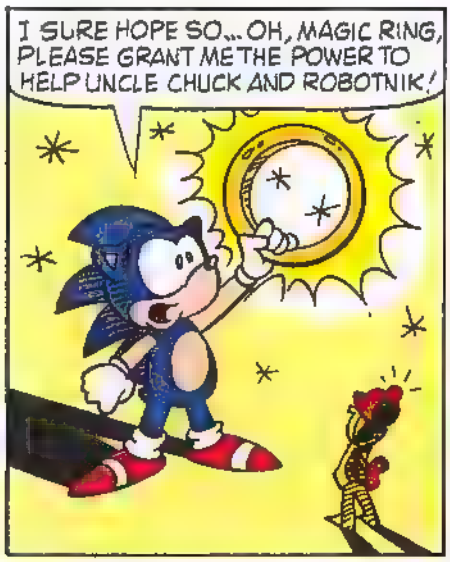
...TO UNCLE CHUCK! COME IN, UNCLE CHUCK! ARE YOU OKAY?

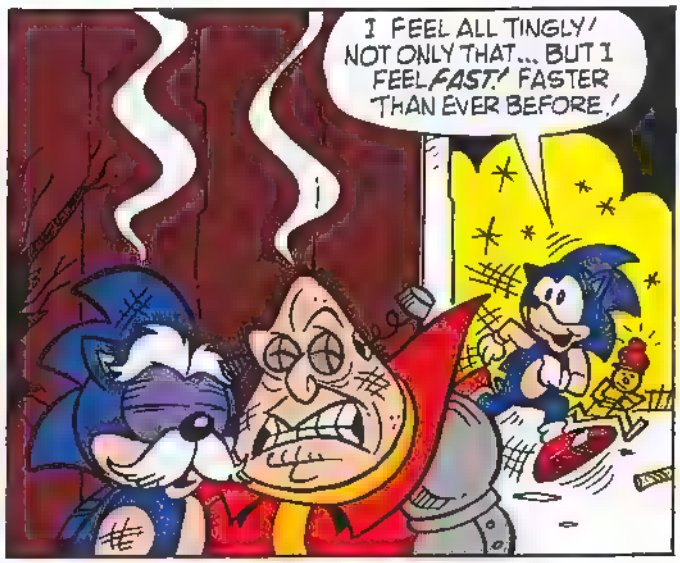
OH, MAN! BOTH HE AND ROBOTNIK ARE REALLY BADLY HURT!

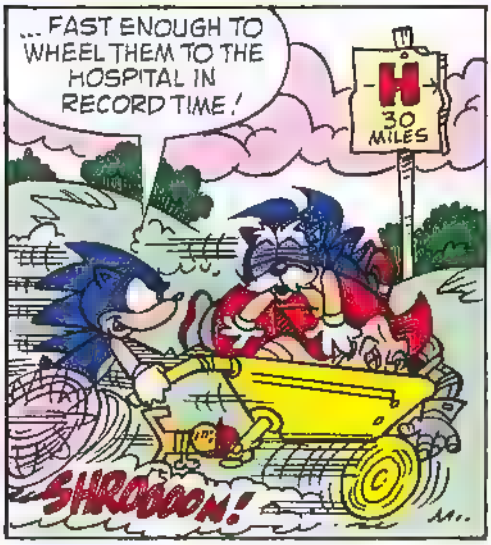
MASTER!



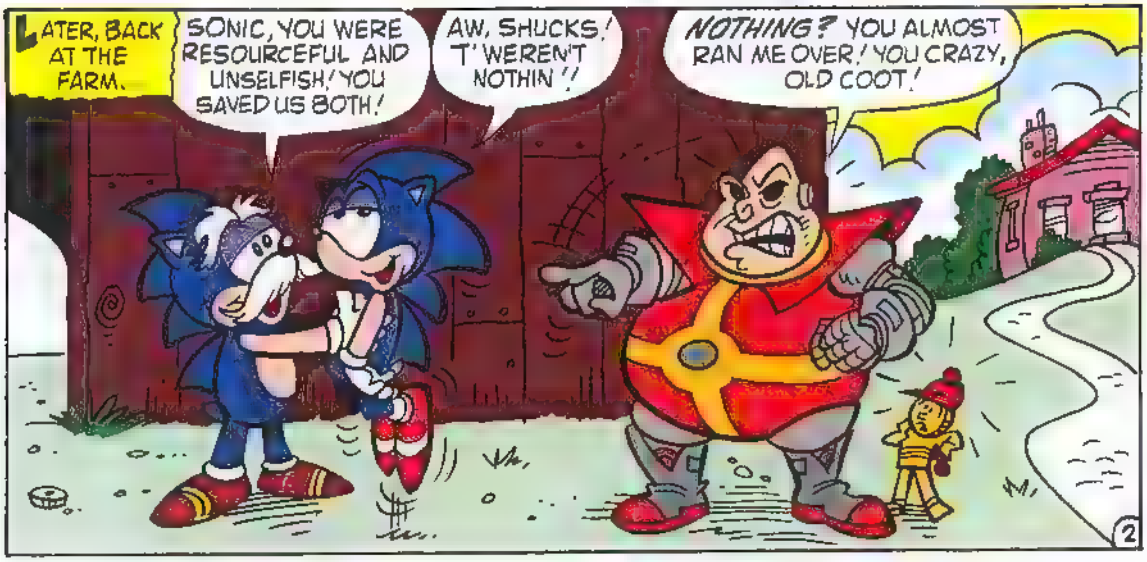



I SURE HOPE SO... OH, MAGIC RING, PLEASE GRANT ME THE POWER TO HELP UNCLE CHUCK AND ROBOTNIK!


I FEEL ALL TINGLY! NOT ONLY THAT... BUT I FEEL *FAST!* FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE!


... FAST ENOUGH TO WHEEL THEM TO THE HOSPITAL IN RECORD TIME!
H
30 MILES
SHROOOOM!

SOON!!
BECAUSE YOU GOT THEM HERE SO QUICKLY, UNCLE CHUCK AND ROBOTNIK ARE GOING TO BE FINE!
HE TRAVELED 30 MILES IN SECONDS!
THAT LITTLE HEDGEHOG MUST BE MAGIC!
WHOO!
EMERGENCY ROOM


LATER, BACK AT THE FARM.
SONIC, YOU WERE RESOURCEFUL AND UNSELFISH! YOU SAVED US BOTH!
AW, SHUCKS! T' WEREN'T NOTHIN'!
NOTHING? YOU ALMOST RAN ME OVER! YOU CRAZY, OLD COOT!
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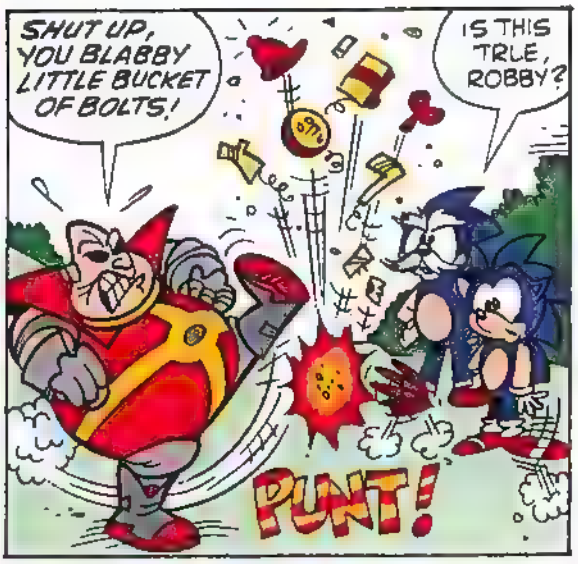
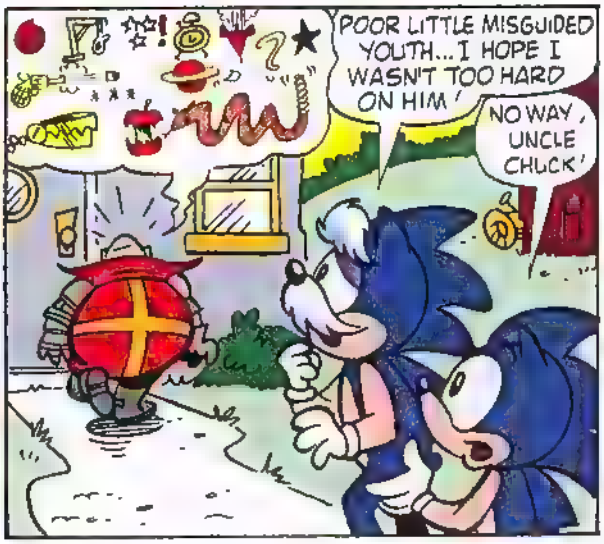
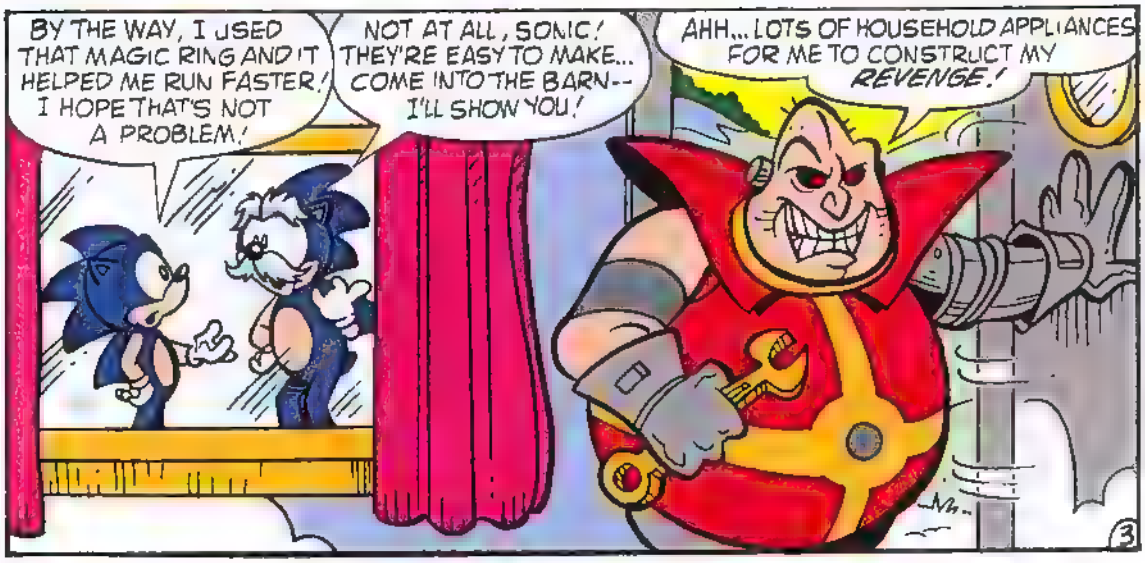
PLEASE FORGIVE MY MASTER! HE MEANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR REMOVING THE STEERING MECHANISM AND BRAKE PADS!
SHH!
IXNAY!
WHAT?!


SHUT UP, YOU BLABBY LITTLE BUCKET OF BOLTS!
IS THIS TRUE, ROBBY?
PUNT!

SO WHAT IF IT IS, FUZZFACE?! MY ROBOTS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR OLD TRACTOR!
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH! YOU ARE CONF NED TO YOUR ROOM! GO!!!


POOR LITTLE MISGUIDED YOUTH... I HOPE I WASN'T TOO HARD ON HIM!
NO WAY, UNCLE CHUCK!


BY THE WAY, I USED THAT MAGIC RING AND IT HELPED ME RUN FASTER! I HOPE THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM!
NOT AT ALL, SONIC! THEY'RE EASY TO MAKE... COME INTO THE BARN-- I'LL SHOW YOU!
AHH... LOTS OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES FOR ME TO CONSTRUCT MY REVENGE!
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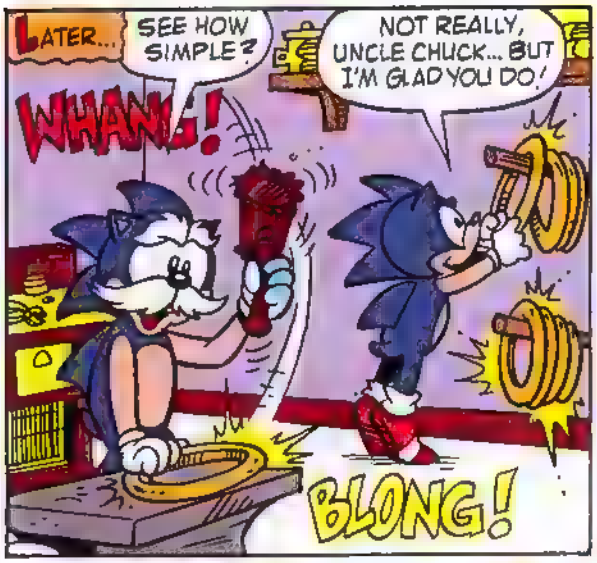
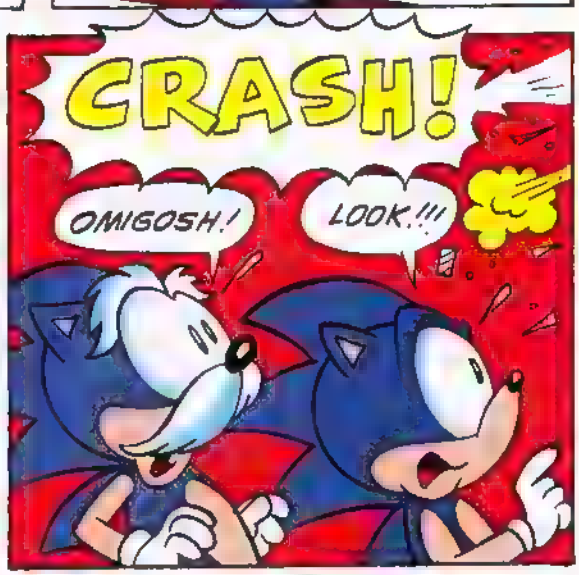
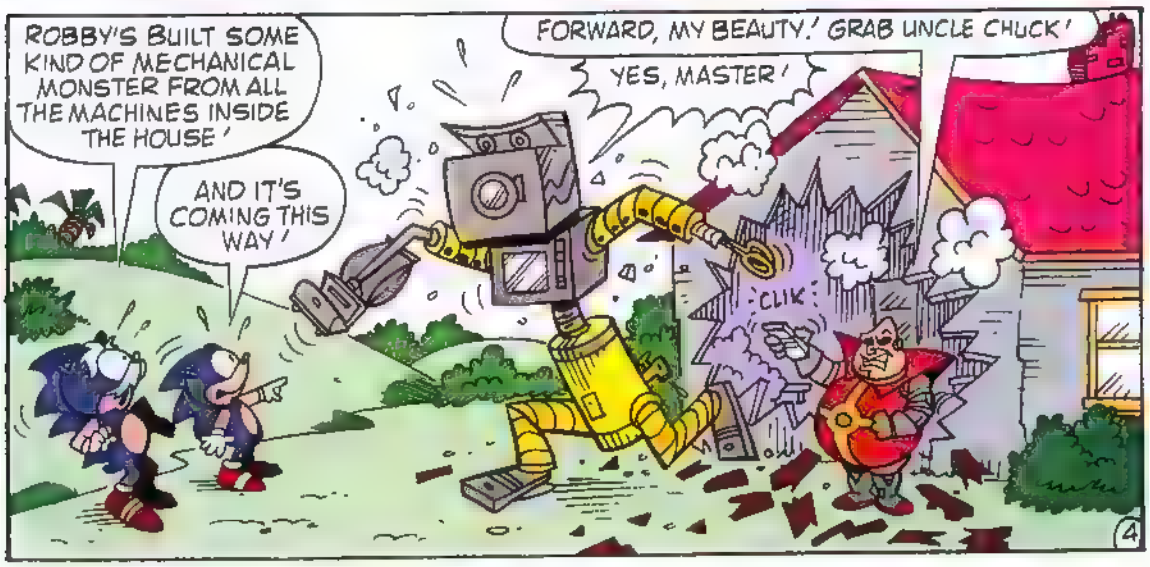

LATER...
SEE HOW SIMPLE?
NOT REALLY, UNCLE CHUCK... BUT I'M GLAD YOU DO!
WHANG!
BLONG!

WELL, THAT'S AN EVEN HUNDRED! CARE TO TAKE A BREAK?

GOOD IDEA, SONIC! MAKING MAGIC IS HARD WORK!
C'MON INTO THE KITCHEN-- I'LL WHIP YOU UP A CHILI DOG!


CRASH!
OMIGOSH!
LOOK!!!


ROBBY'S BUILT SOME KIND OF MECHANICAL MONSTER FROM ALL THE MACHINES INSIDE THE HOUSE!
AND IT'S COMING THIS WAY!
FORWARD, MY BEAUTY! GRAB UNCLE CHUCK!
YES, MASTER!
CLIK
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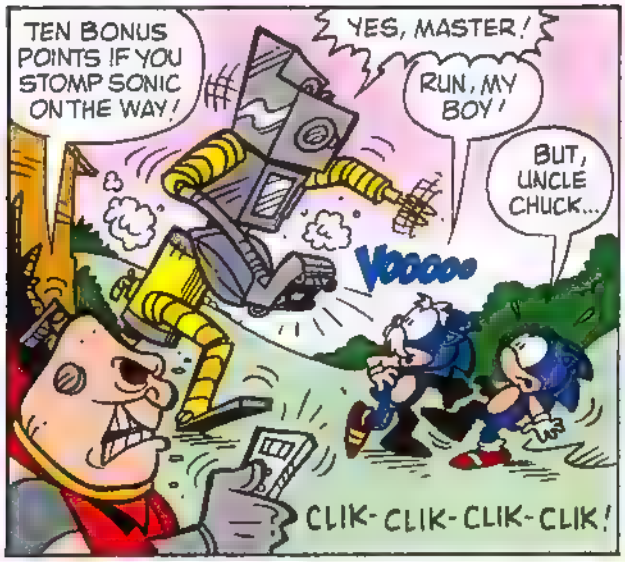
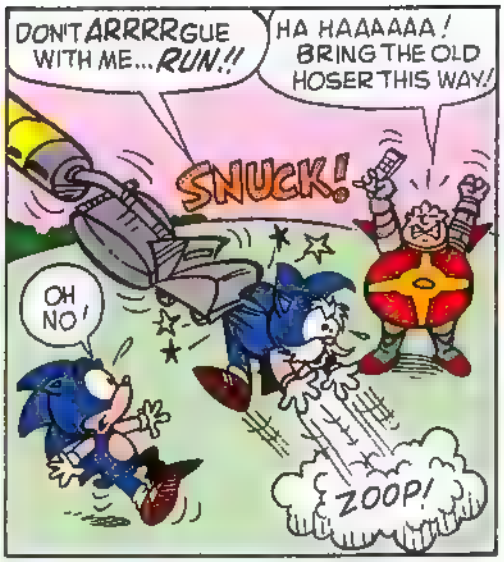
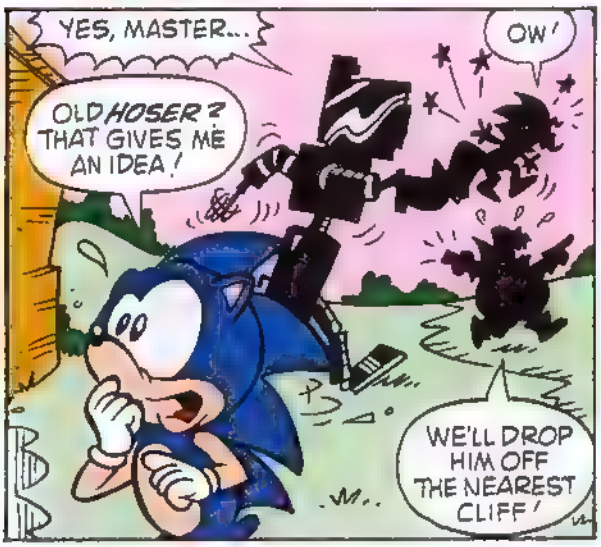
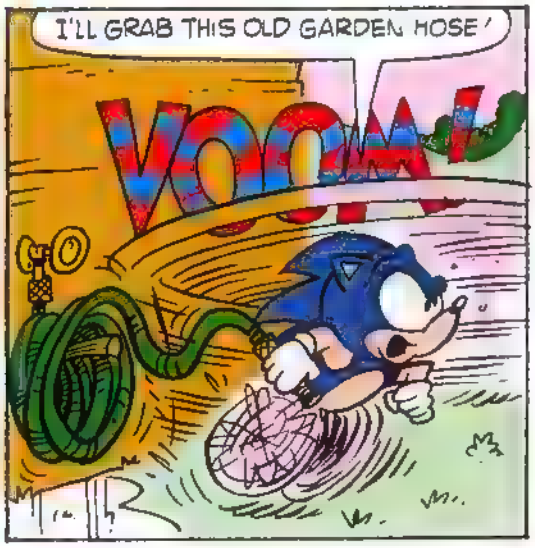
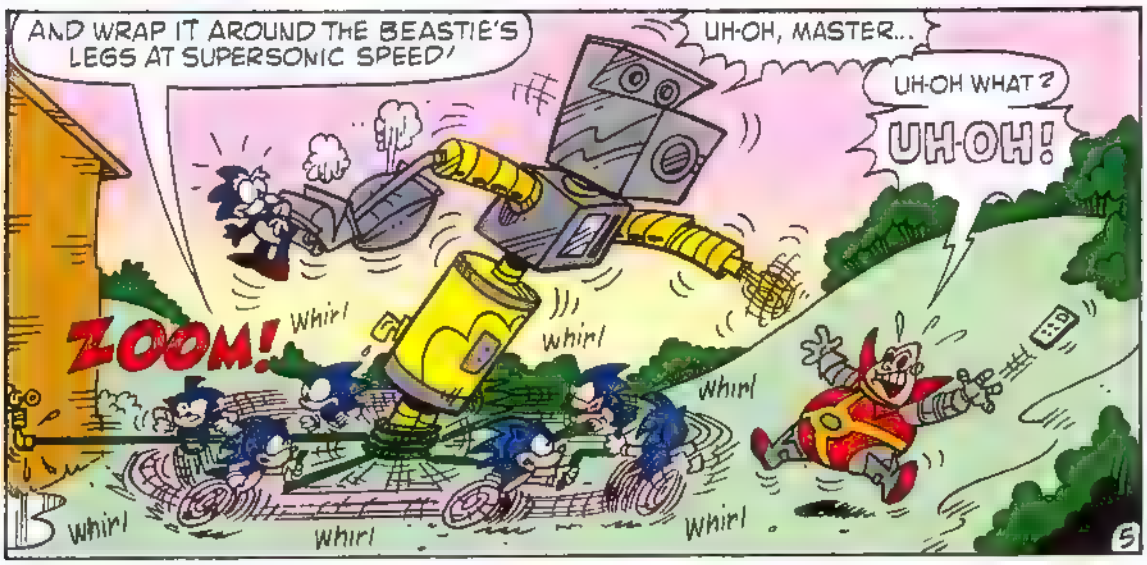

TEN BONUS POINTS IF YOU STOMP SONIC ON THE WAY!
YES, MASTER!
RUN, MY BOY!
BUT, UNCLE CHUCK...
VOOOOO
CLIK-CLIK-CLIK-CLIK!


DON'T ARRRRGUE WITH ME... RUN!!
HA HAAAAAA! BRING THE OLD HOSER THIS WAY!
SNUCK!
OH NO!
ZOOP!


YES, MASTER...
OW!
OLD HOSER? THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
WE'LL DROP HIM OFF THE NEAREST CLIFF!


I'LL GRAB THIS OLD GARDEN HOSE!
VOOM!


AND WRAP IT AROUND THE BEASTIE'S LEGS AT SUPERSONIC SPEED!
UH-OH, MASTER...
UH-OH WHAT?
UH-OH!
ZOOM!
Whirl
whirl
Whirl
whirl
Whirl
5

WAY TO GO, SONIC!
I GOT YOU, UNCLE CHUCK!
KTOOOOOOOM!
BLONK!
FWONG!
SMUNCH!
NO... NOOOO! ALL MY BEAUTIFUL WICKEDNESS!

THAT'S THE LAST WE'LL SEE OF ROBOTNIK!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!
HMM?... HUH? OH! WHAT A DREAM!...

I WOULDN'T BE TOO SURE OF THAT, NEPHEW!
I'LL GET YOU, SONIC!
I'LL GET YOU, SONIC!
YIPE! THAT FIRE-BALL IS NO DREAM!
HST!
BWANG!

HOLD STILL, YOU MISERABLE LITTLE PORKER!
SHEESH! ROBOTNIK SURE WAS A CRABBY KID IN MY DREAM AND A GRUMPY ADULT IN REALITY! WHICH DO YOU PREFER?... NEITHER?... ME, TOO!
ZOOOSH!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MORE MAGNARY SONIC STORIES? WRITE TO: "SONICGRAMS" -DARYL
The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN WHY ASK SPY?

PART I

FRONT AND CENTER!

THAT'S ME! FASTER THAN A LAWYER CHASING AN AMBULANCE AND COOLER THAN THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR PILLOW!

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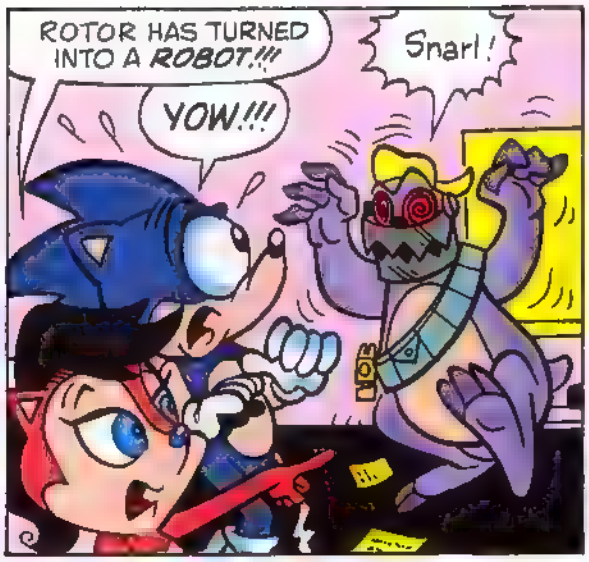
GEE, IT TOOK YOU 5.2 SECONDS TO GET HERE...YOU MUST BE SLOWING DOWN...

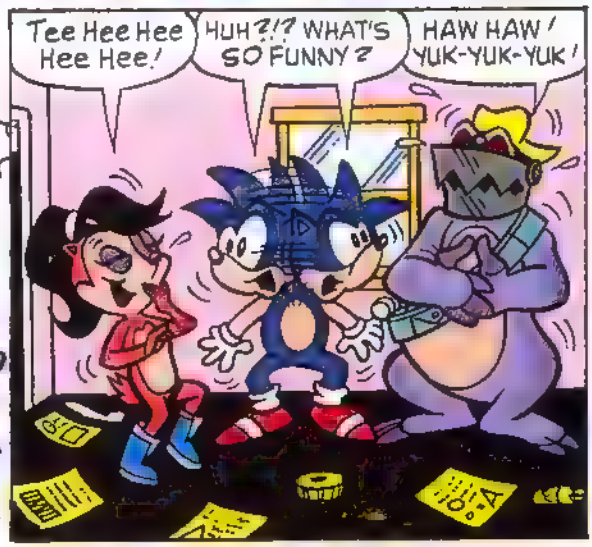
WELL...I STOPPED AND MADE A CHILI DOG ON THE WAY!

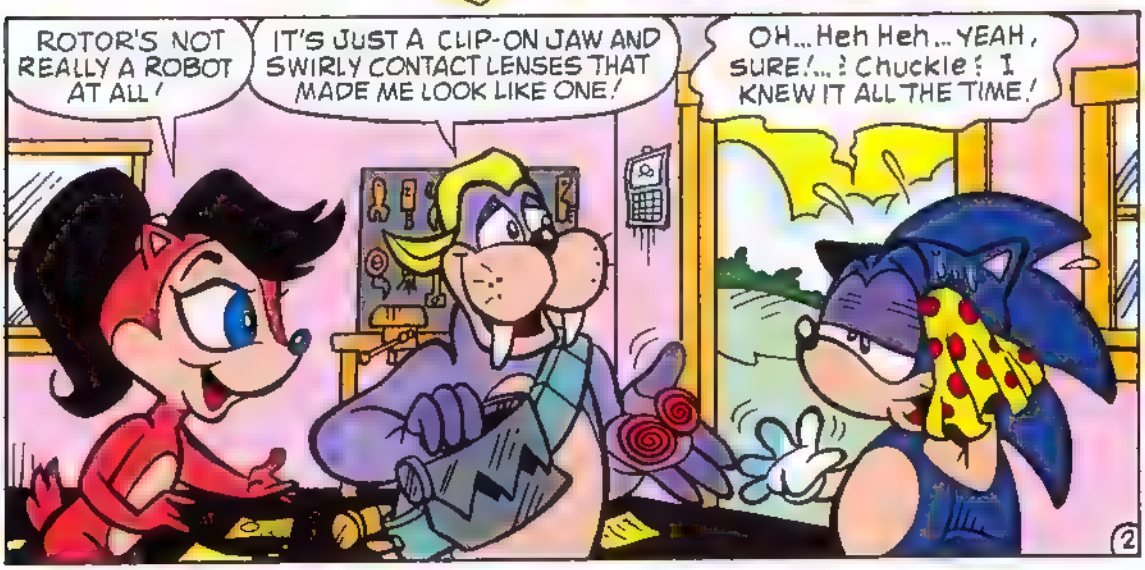
CRANK!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? HAS ANTOINE BAKED ANOTHER ONE OF HIS AWFUL CASSEROLES?
NO! WE HAVE A VERY SCARY SITUATION ON OUR HANDS, SONIC!


ROTOR HAS TURNED INTO A ROBOT!!!
Snarl!
YOW!!!

STAND BACK, SAL! I'LL HANDLE THIS! ROBOTNIK MUST'VE GOTTEN TO HIM! AH, ROTOR...WE HARDLY KNEW YE!...
Snawt!
WZZZZZZ


Tee Hee Hee Hee Hee!
HUH?!? WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
HAW HAW! YUK-YUK-YUK!


ROTOR'S NOT REALLY A ROBOT AT ALL!
IT'S JUST A CLIP-ON JAW AND SWIRLY CONTACT LENSES THAT MADE ME LOOK LIKE ONE!
OH...Heh Heh...YEAH, SURE!...: Chuckle: I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME!
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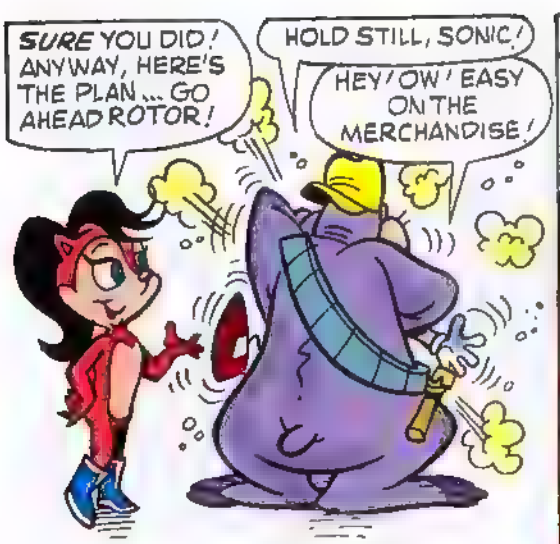
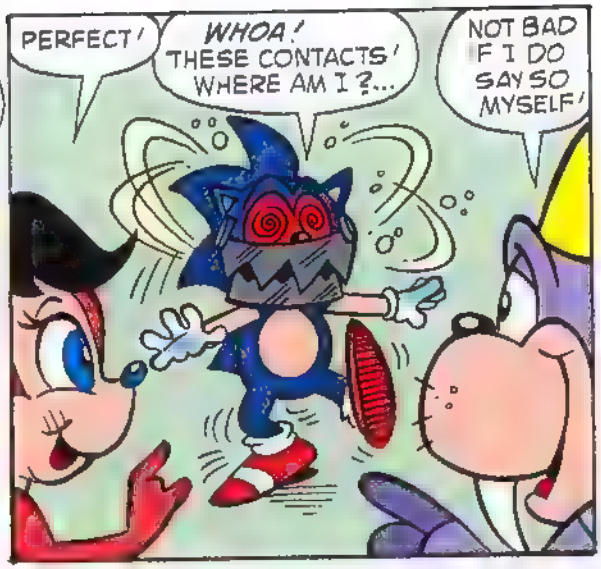
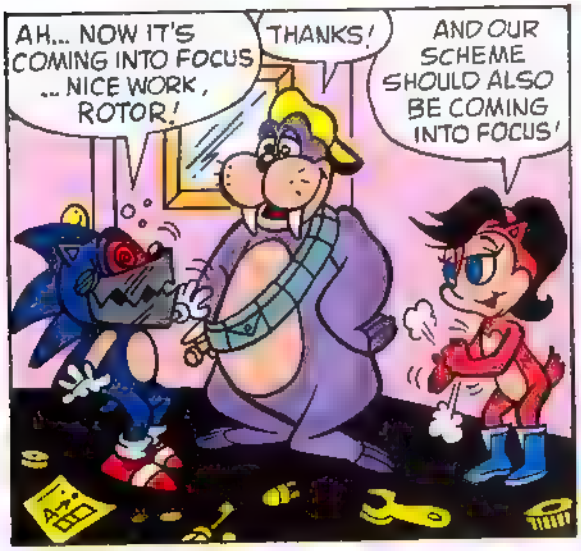
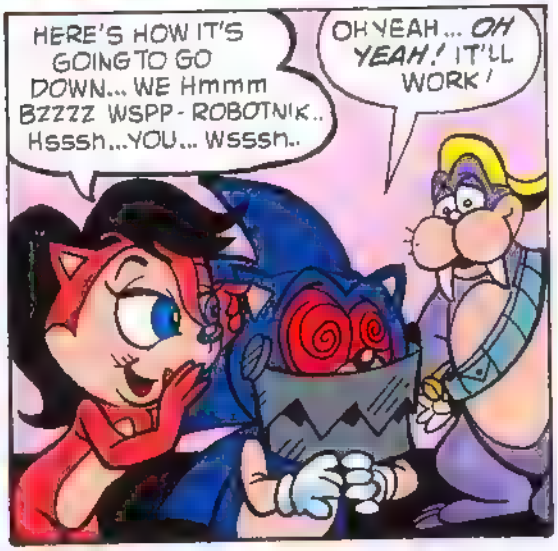
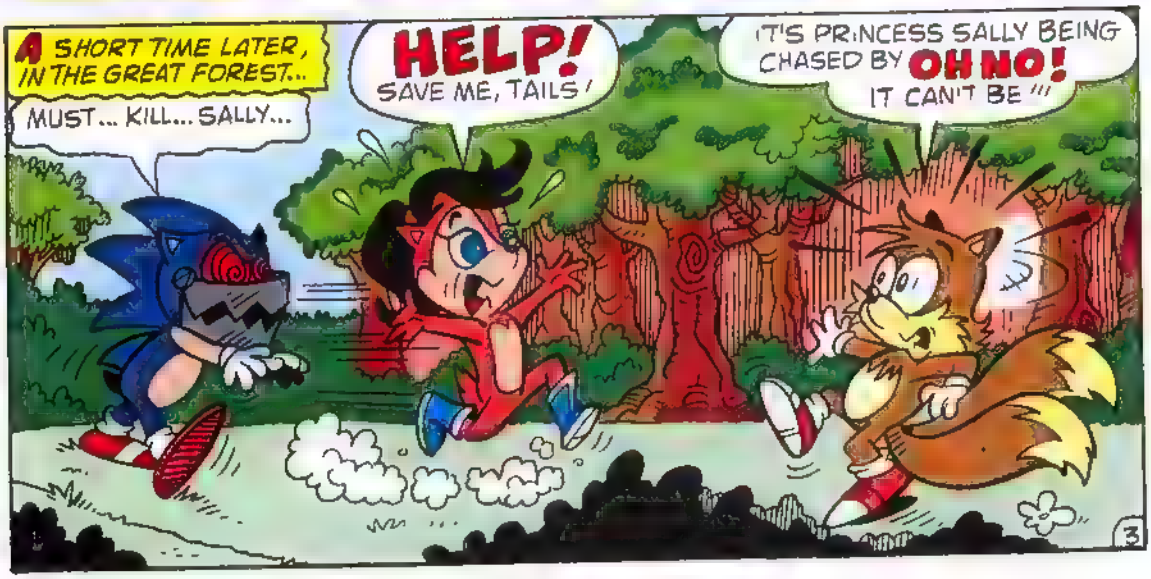

SURE YOU DID! ANYWAY, HERE'S THE PLAN... GO AHEAD ROTOR!
HOLD STILL, SONIC!
HEY! OW! EASY ON THE MERCHANDISE!


PERFECT!
WHOA! THESE CONTACTS! WHERE AM I?...
NOT BAD IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!


AH... NOW IT'S COMING INTO FOCUS ... NICE WORK, ROTOR!
THANKS!
AND OUR SCHEME SHOULD ALSO BE COMING INTO FOCUS!


HERE'S HOW IT'S GOING TO GO DOWN... WE Hmmm BZZZZ WSPP - ROBOTNIK.. Hsssh...YOU... Wsssh..
OH YEAH... OH YEAH! IT'LL WORK!


A SHORT TIME LATER, IN THE GREAT FOREST...
MUST... KILL... SALLY...
HELP! SAVE ME, TAILS!
IT'S PRINCESS SALLY BEING CHASED BY OH NO! IT CAN'T BE!!!
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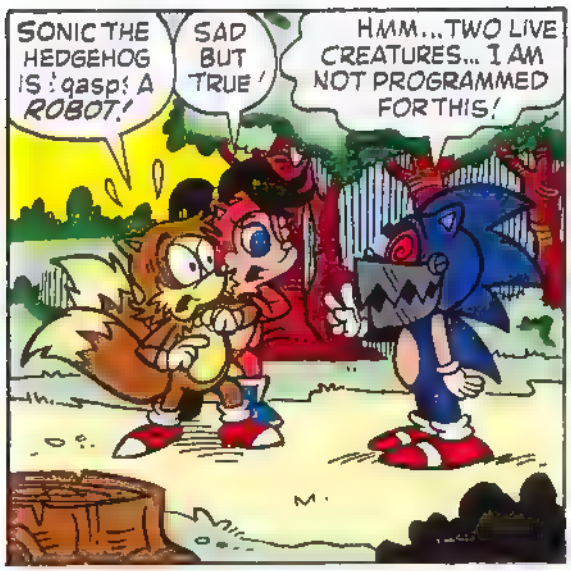
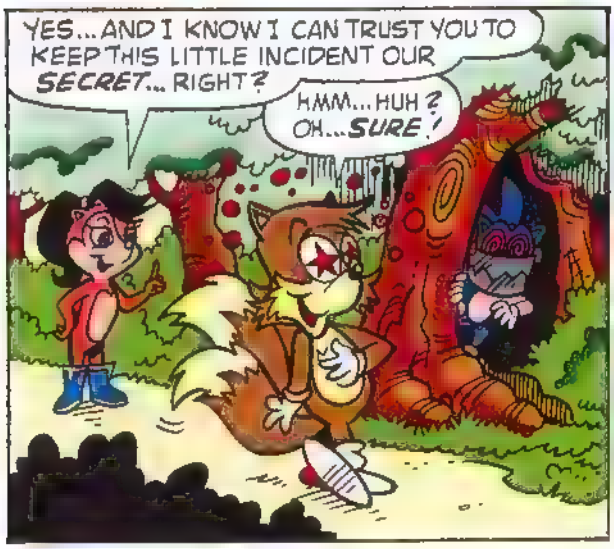
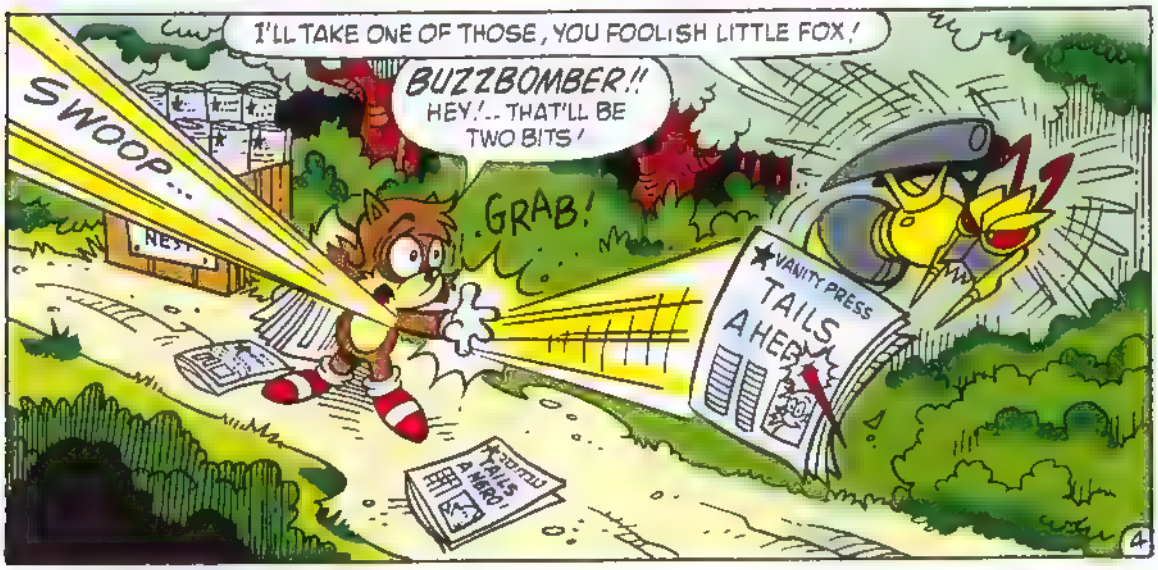

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS ! gasp! A ROBOT!
SAD BUT TRUE!
HMM...TWO LIVE CREATURES... I AM NOT PROGRAMMED FOR THIS!

I SHALL REPORT BACK TO MY MASTER, DR. ROBOTNIK!
OH, TAILS! YOU SAVED ME!
I DID? errr... I MEAN-- I DID!
VA-ROOOM!


YES...AND I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU TO KEEP THIS LITTLE INCIDENT OUR SECRET... RIGHT?
HMM...HUH? OH...SURE!

LATER..
EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! SONIC GOES MECHANICAL! TAILS SAVES PRINCESS FROM RENEGADE ROBOT! NETWORKS VIE FOR MOVIE RIGHTS!
VANITY PRESS NEWS STAND
TAILS A HERO!


I'LL TAKE ONE OF THOSE, YOU FOOLISH LITTLE FOX!
BUZZBOMBER!! HEY!-- THAT'LL BE TWO BITS!
SWOOP...
GRAB!
NEXT
VANITY PRESS TAILS A HERO!
TAILS A HERO!
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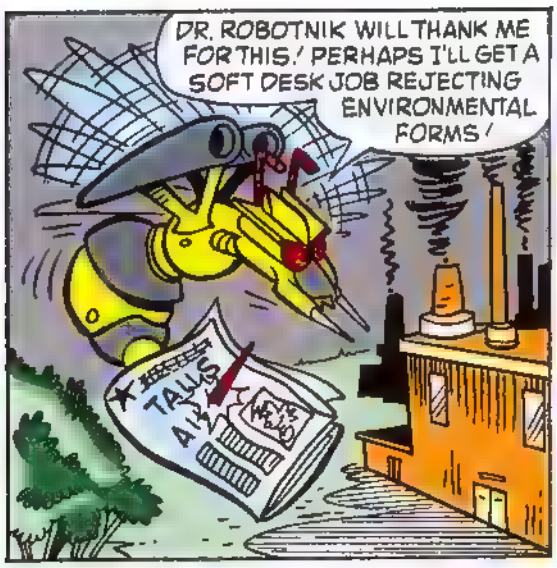
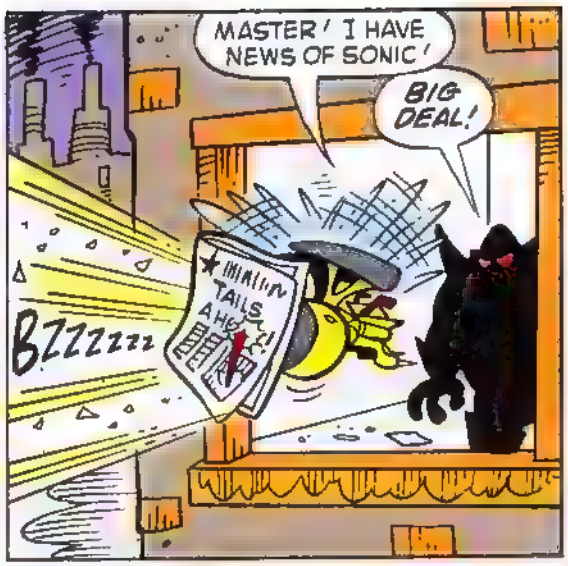
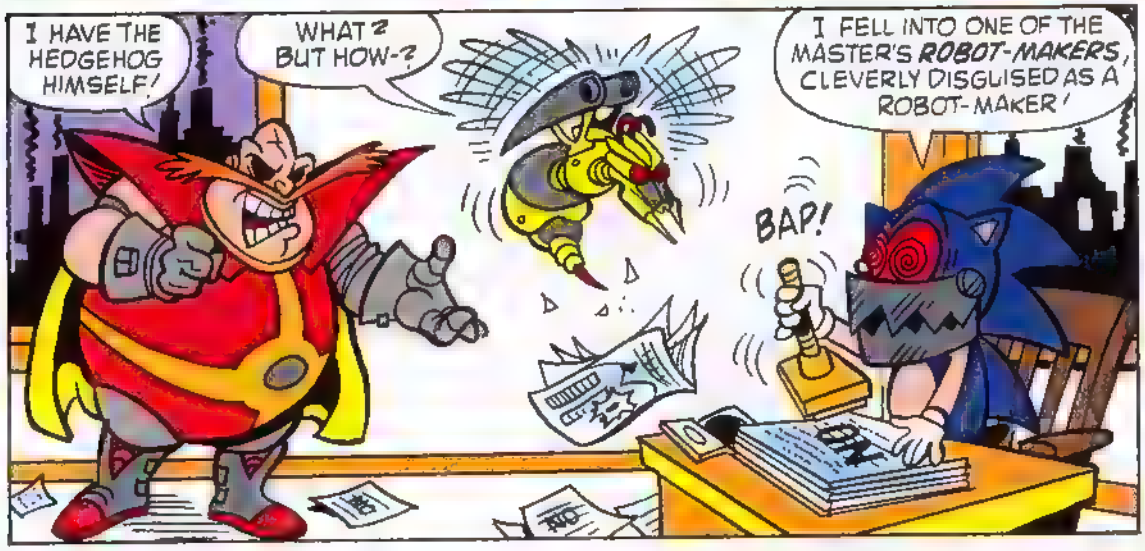
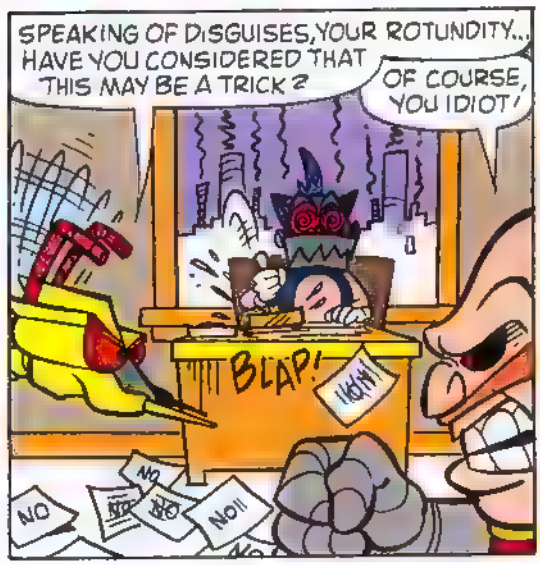
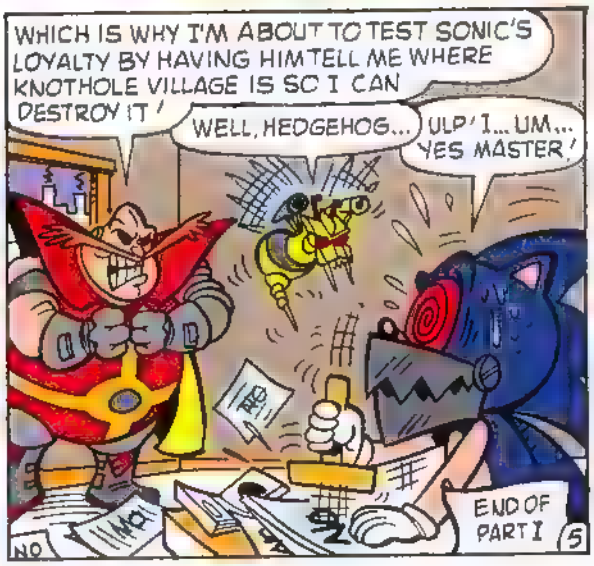

DR. ROBOTNIK WILL THANK ME FOR THIS! PERHAPS I'LL GET A SOFT DESK JOB REJECTING ENVIRONMENTAL FORMS!
TAILS


MASTER! I HAVE NEWS OF SONIC!
BIG DEAL!
BZZZzzz
TAILS


I HAVE THE HEDGEHOG HIMSELF!
WHAT? BUT HOW-?
I FELL INTO ONE OF THE MASTER'S ROBOT-MAKERS, CLEVERLY DISGUISED AS A ROBOT-MAKER!
BAP!


SPEAKING OF DISGUISES, YOUR ROTUNDITY... HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THAT THIS MAY BE A TRICK?
OF COURSE, YOU IDIOT!
BLAP!
NO
NO!!


WHICH IS WHY I'M ABOUT TO TEST SONIC'S LOYALTY BY HAVING HIM TELL ME WHERE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE IS SO I CAN DESTROY IT!
WELL, HEDGEHOG...
ULP! I... UM... YES MASTER!
NO
END OF PART I
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN WHY ASK SPY? PART II

IF YOU ARE A TRUE ROBOT, YOU WILL OBEY! NOW TELL ME THE LOCATION OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE AT ONCE!

HE'S STALLING, MASTER!

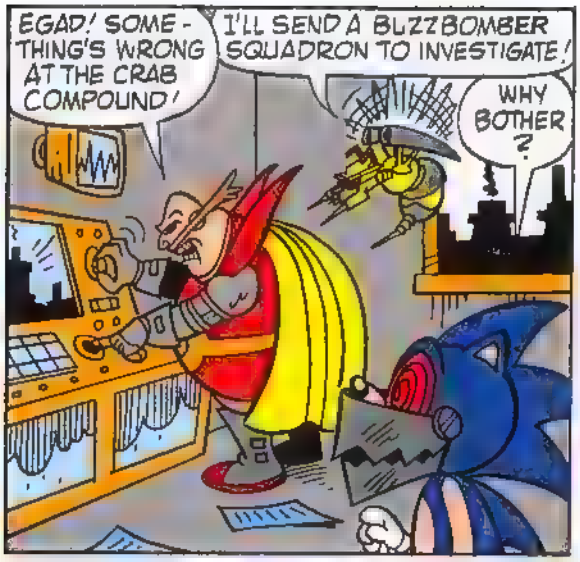
HOMINA-HOMINA-HOMINA...

KLANG! DANG! BLANG!

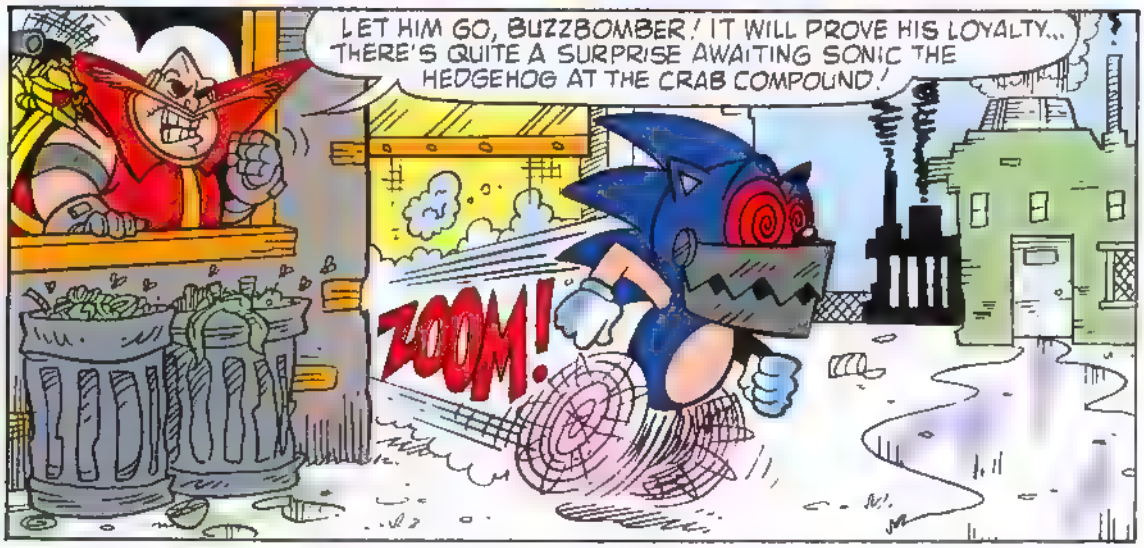
WHAT'S THIS? THE ALARM'S GOING OFF!

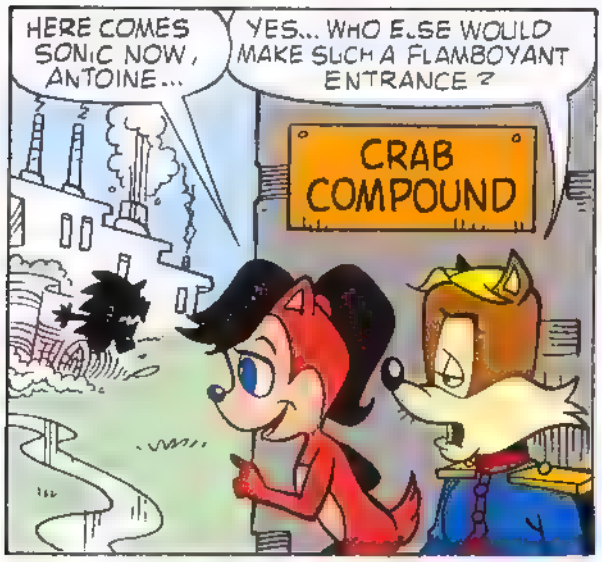
THERE MUST BE A DISTURBANCE IN ONE OF THE FACTORIES!

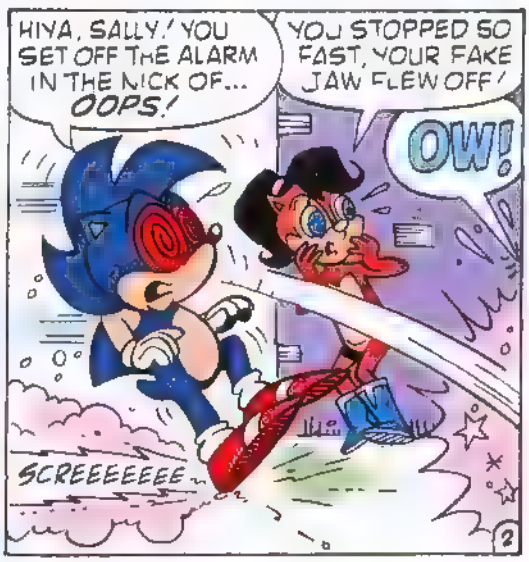
WHOOO... JUST IN TIME!


EGAD! SOMETHING'S WRONG AT THE CRAB COMPOUND!
I'LL SEND A BUZZBOMBER SQUADRON TO INVESTIGATE!
WHY BOTHER?

I CAN BE THERE FASTER AND GET THE JOB DONE BETTER, OH, OVAL ONE!
HMMM...
YOU-- BETTER? WHY I'LL...


LET HIM GO, BUZZBOMBER! IT WILL PROVE HIS LOYALTY... THERE'S QUITE A SURPRISE AWAITING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AT THE CRAB COMPOUND!
ZOOM!


HERE COMES SONIC NOW, ANTOINE...
YES... WHO ELSE WOULD MAKE SUCH A FLAMBOYANT ENTRANCE?
CRAB COMPOUND


HIYA, SALLY! YOU SET OFF THE ALARM IN THE NICK OF... OOPS!
YOU STOPPED SO FAST, YOUR FAKE JAW FLEW OFF!
OW!
SCREEEEEEE...
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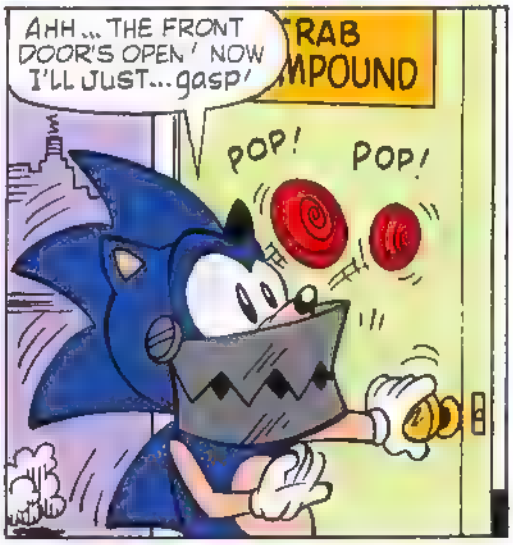
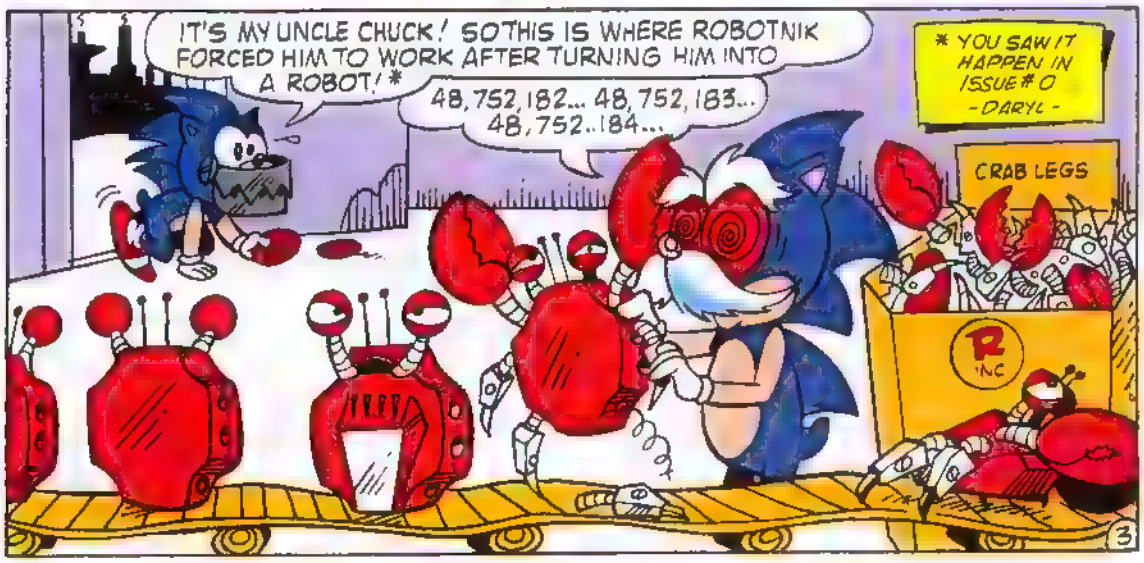
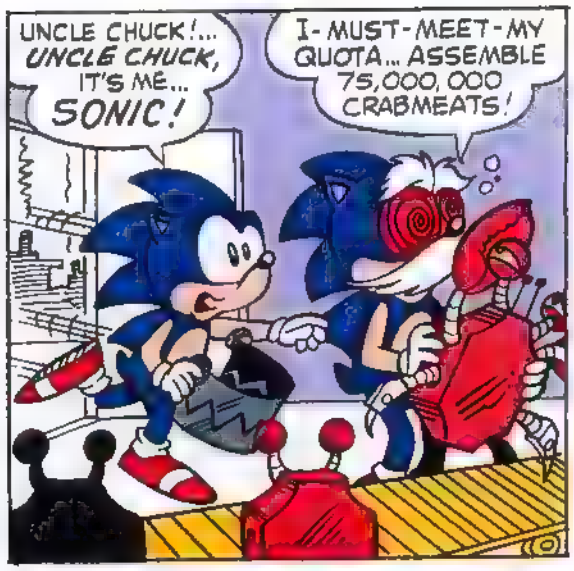
MY, MY! WHAT AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT!
I'M SURE!
JUST-GET-IT-OFFAME!

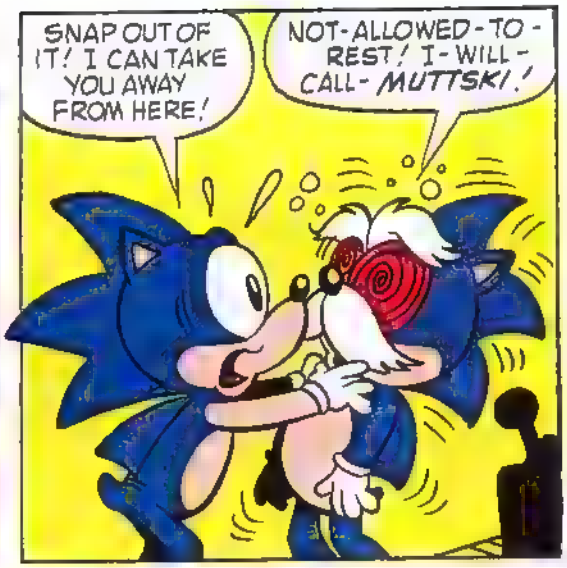
ROBOTNIK WAS A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS, BUT I FAST-TALKED MY WAY OUT OF IT!
GOOD! THEN WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE PLAN!
OOOOOOOH...

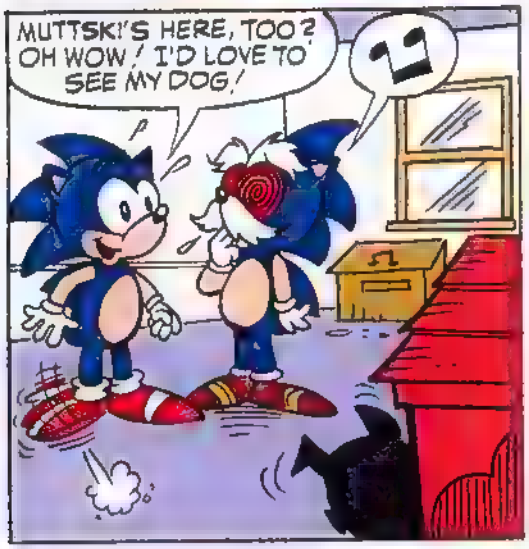
YES! I'LL BLOW UP THIS CRAB COMPOUND! SEE YOU BACK AT KNOTHOLE!
OKAY... C'MON ANTOINE!
I DESERVE THE PURPLE HEART...OR AT LEAST THE LAVENDER LIVER!
CRAB COMPOUND


AHH... THE FRONT DOOR'S OPEN! NOW I'LL JUST...gasp!
POP!
POP!


IT'S MY UNCLE CHUCK! SO THIS IS WHERE ROBOTNIK FORCED HIM TO WORK AFTER TURNING HIM INTO A ROBOT!*
48,752,182... 48,752,183... 48,752..184...
* YOU SAW IT HAPPEN IN ISSUE # 0 -DARYL-
CRAB LEGS
INC


UNCLE CHUCK!... UNCLE CHUCK, IT'S ME... SONIC!
I-MUST-MEET-MY QUOTA... ASSEMBLE 75,000,000 CRABMEATS!


SNAP OUT OF IT! I CAN TAKE YOU AWAY FROM HERE!
NOT-ALLOWED-TO-REST! I-WILL-CALL-MUTTSKI!


MUTTSKI'S HERE, TOO? OH WOW! I'D LOVE TO SEE MY DOG!
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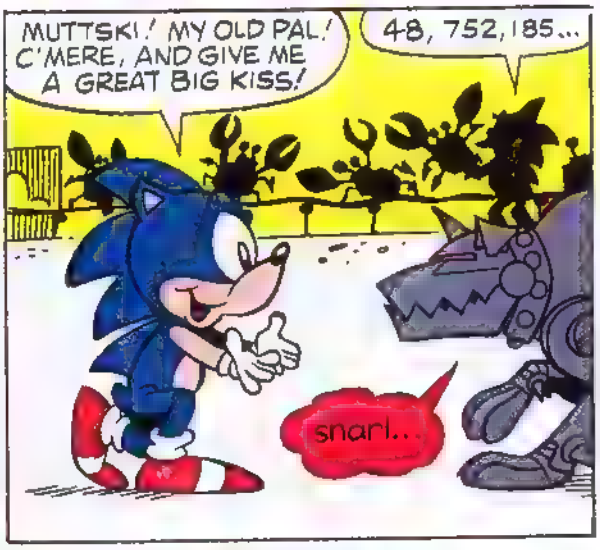
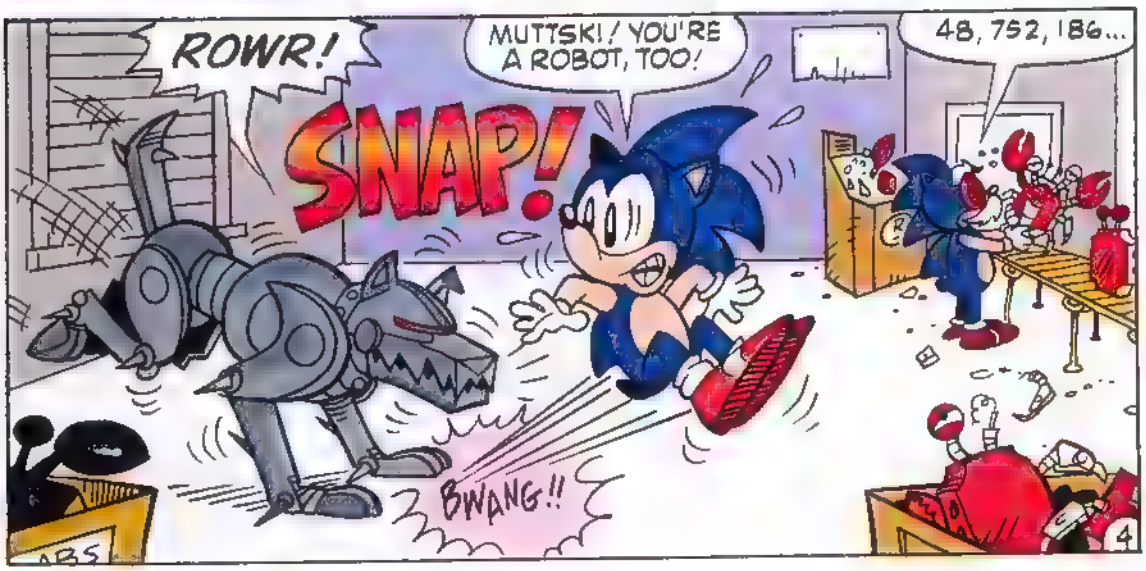

MUTTSKI! MY OLD PAL! C'MERE, AND GIVE ME A GREAT BIG KISS!
48, 752, 185...
snarl...


ROWR!
MUTTSKI! YOU'RE A ROBOT, TOO!
48, 752, 186...
SNAP!
BWANG!!
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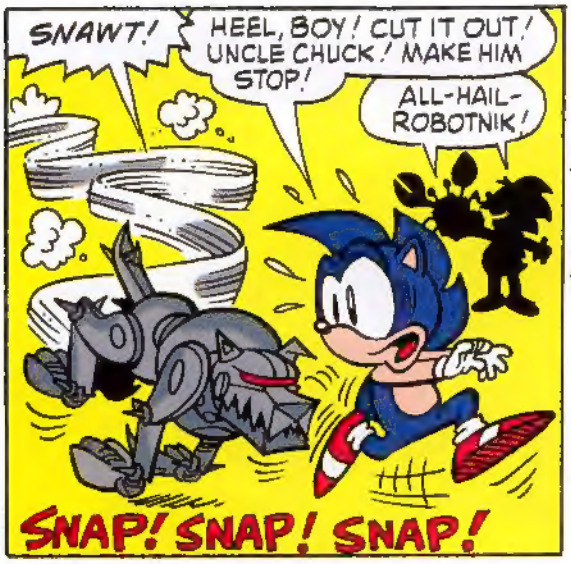
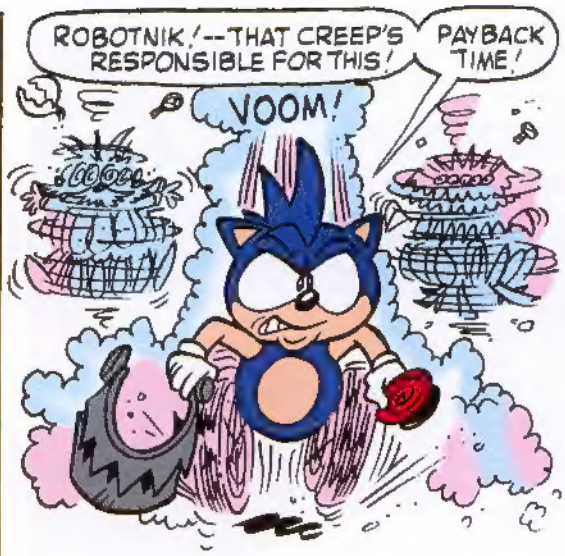
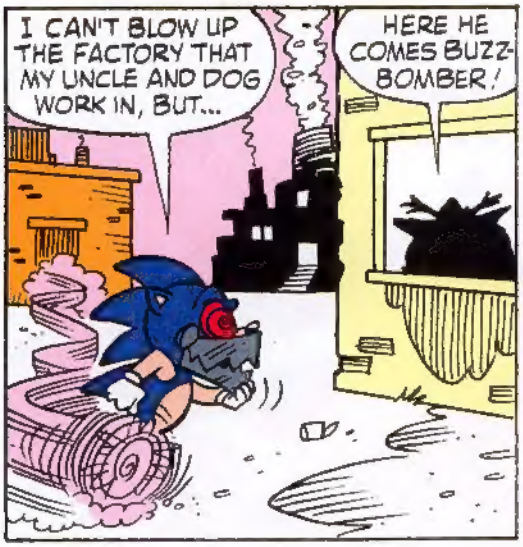
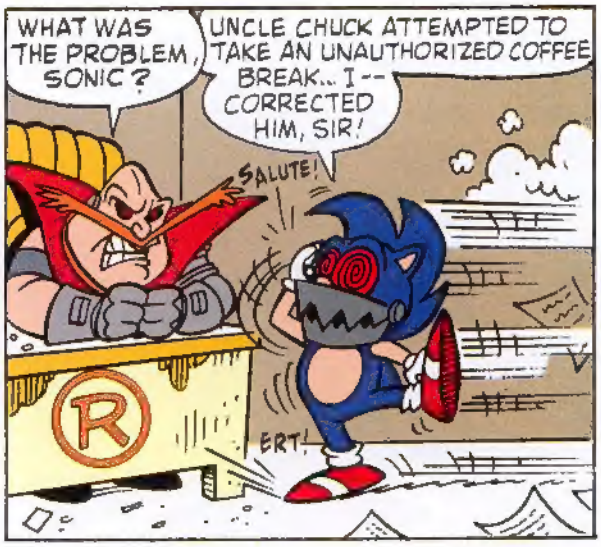
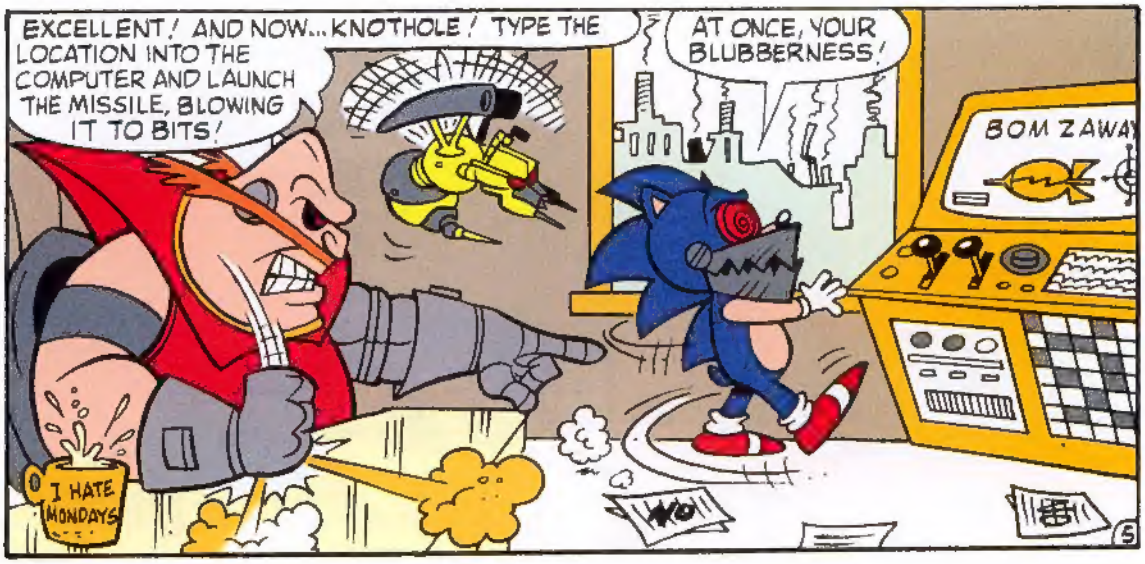

SNAWT!
HEEL, BOY! CUT IT OUT! UNCLE CHUCK! MAKE HIM STOP!
ALL-HAIL-ROBOTNIK!
SNAP! SNAP! SNAP!


ROBOTNIK!--THAT CREEP'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!
PAYBACK TIME!
VOOM!


I CAN'T BLOW UP THE FACTORY THAT MY UNCLE AND DOG WORK IN, BUT...
HERE HE COMES BUZZ-BOMBER!


WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM, SONIC?
UNCLE CHUCK ATTEMPTED TO TAKE AN UNAUTHORIZED COFFEE BREAK... I-- CORRECTED HIM, SIR!
SALUTE!
ERT!


EXCELLENT! AND NOW...KNOTHOLE! TYPE THE LOCATION INTO THE COMPUTER AND LAUNCH THE MISSILE, BLOWING IT TO BITS!
AT ONCE, YOUR BLUBBERNESS!
BOM ZAWA
I HATE MONDAYS
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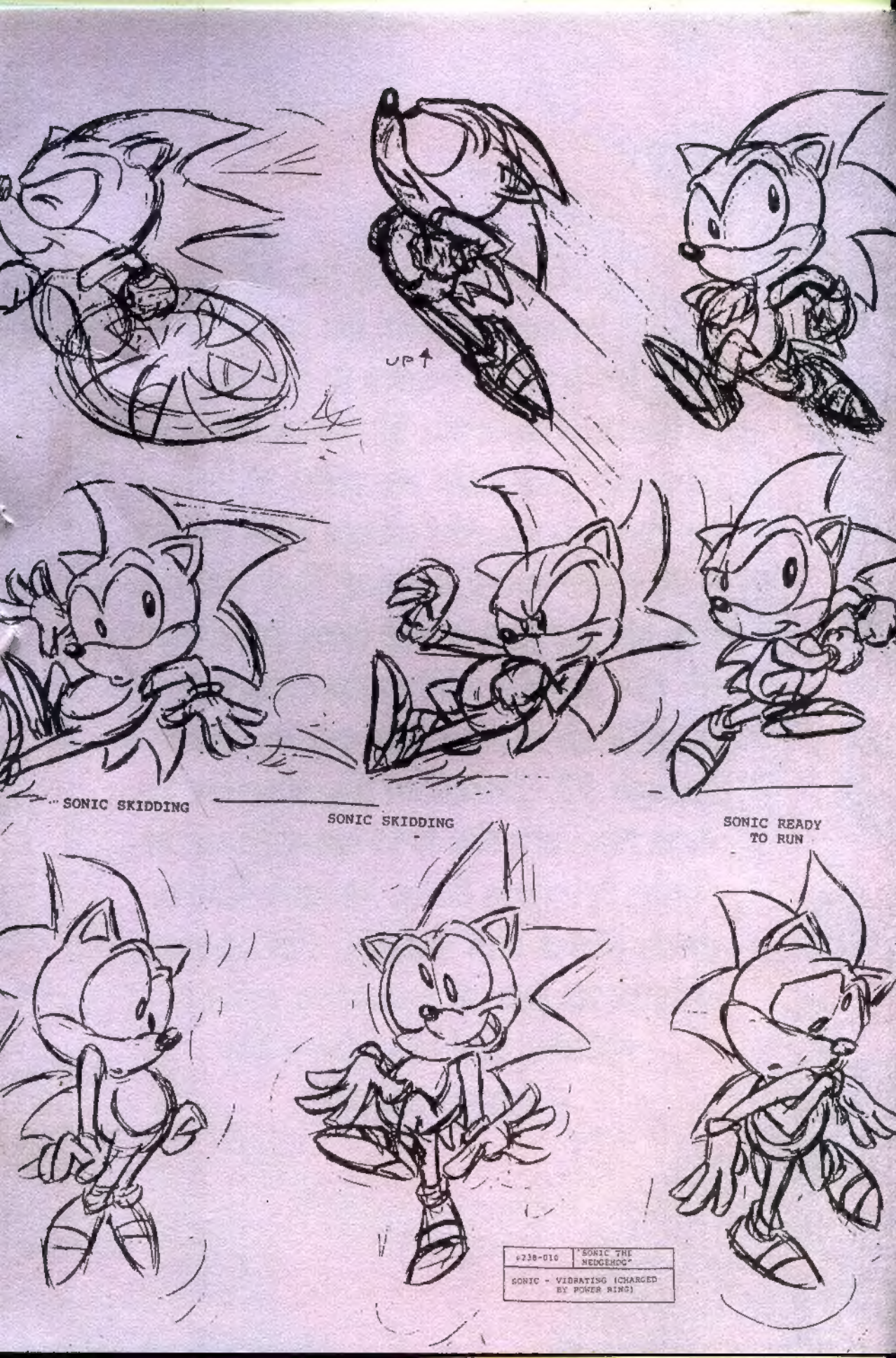
READY-SET-BLOW!
I HOPE WE CAN HEAR THE EXPLOSION!
:chuckle:
WHA-BOOOM!!!
EH?
I CAN GUARANTEE THAT!
GADZOOKS! HE MADE THE BOMB FALL ON MY LARGEST FACTORY!
OH, NO! THE ONE WHERE THE BUZZBOMBERS ARE MADE!
HE'S NO ROBOT! HE'S TRICKED ME! HE'S REALLY SONIC THE EEEYOW!!
KLAMP!
NOT SONIC THE EEEYOW! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
OUCH! OOOCH! EEECH!
SAY IT WITH ME, GANG... "GLAD TO SEE ROBOTNIK GET IT IN THE END!"
OH, THE INHUMANITY!...
FINIS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